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Date 12/11/89

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164A-SE-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to Salt Lake City dated 8/7/89.

On 9/25/89, [redacted] MORTON THIOKOL CORPORATION, was contacted in reference to an employee by the name of [redacted]. [redacted] contacted the Corporate Office and Automotive Division and all other divisions within MORTON THIOKOL, with negative results for [redacted] employment with MORTON THIOKOL. NCIC criminal warrants, Utah Division of Motor Vehicles and Driver's License, and the US WEST COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEPHONE COMPANY was queried for [redacted] also with negative results.

LEADS:SEATTLE DIVISIONAT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Locate further descriptive information on [redacted] for Salt Lake City in an attempt to locate the right [redacted]

SALT LAKE CITY DIVISIONAT PROVO, UTAH

Locate and interview [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

② - Seattle
 2 - Salt Lake City
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SALT LAKE CITY DIVISIONAT PROVO, UTAH

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Date Received 10/2/91

From _____

(Name of Contributor)

New Ipswich, VT

(Address of Contributor)

By _____

(State)

FBI

(Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☐ No

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes

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[redacted] New Ipswich, New
Hampshire advised he had
gone hunting for bighorn sheep
on or about 9/11/87. The

[redacted] for the
hunt was named [redacted]

[redacted] lived in Penticton,
British Columbia, contact telephone

[redacted] During this hunt b6
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he had ^{also} met [redacted] and an
individual identified to him as

[redacted] asked [redacted] if he'd ever
heard of P. B. Cooper, the airplane
hijacker. [redacted] said that
he had and [redacted] went on to
tell him that [redacted]

was the son of R. B. Cooper. b6
[redacted] never had any conversation b7C
with [redacted] About

his father, [redacted] P. B. Cooper, ~~because~~
[redacted] had no ^{such} discussions because
he felt an individual is not
responsible for the actions of
his father. # [redacted] is an avid
hunter and estimates he last

had a conversation with [redacted]
[redacted] about 2 years ago
[redacted] allegedly was
named, at the time had two
young children about [redacted] years of age,
and lived just above the
Penticton, British Columbia area.

[redacted] recollection is that in his
last conversation with [redacted]

[redacted], [redacted] was no
longer in [redacted]

[redacted] had allegedly
taken a job on a defoliation
project in the same area of
British Columbia.

[redacted] also advised in
approximately August 1989 he
had gone on another hunting
trip for Dall Sheep in the
Northwest Territories of British
Columbia. in the area of
a town called Kelowna. This
hunt was arranged through

[redacted] owned
by an individual named [redacted]
[redacted] contact telephone
[redacted]

His [redacted] was

and individual named [redacted]
[redacted] was also familiar with
[redacted] and the fact that
he was allegedly the son of
D. B. Cooper.

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[redacted] advised he recalls
relating the story concerning
[redacted] to a business
associate of [redacted] ~~but~~
[redacted] has no independent knowledge
of [redacted] nor his alleged
relationship to airplane hijacker
D. B. Cooper

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

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AT AURORA, OREGON

[redacted] Aurora, Oregon, telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent [redacted], on March 2, 1990, and provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that she does not suspect that her brother, [redacted] is D. P. COOPER. [redacted] further stated that she has no knowledge of any association or involvement of her brother with the captioned matter. The last known address [redacted] had for her brother was [redacted] Zim, Minnesota.

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Date 4/13/90

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 2 FROM *not* SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81)(P)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 4 (OO: Seattle)

5 Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 1/12/90.

6 Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of an insert of
 7 investigation conducted on 3/2/90, by Special Agent [redacted] of
 8 the Portland Division.

9 Portland will conduct no further active investigation.

10 ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 18 ② - Seattle (Enc. 2) *rec'd*
 19 2 - Portland

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[redacted] Provo, Utah, telephone number [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was interviewed at her residence. After the interviewing Agent identified himself through the presentation of credentials, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that she has not used her married name, [redacted] for over [redacted] year. [redacted] stated that she [redacted] at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. In addition, [redacted] in Utah County. These two time-consuming occupations force [redacted] to spend a great deal of time away from her home.

[redacted] which he [redacted] Utah. [redacted] first met [redacted] when [redacted] was serving as the Brigham Young University [redacted] and [redacted]

As [redacted] got to know [redacted] better and [redacted] business increased dramatically. [redacted] agreed to this [redacted] and [redacted] mid 1980s.

As [redacted] As their [redacted] became extremely hostile toward [redacted]

[redacted] a private investigator with regards to [redacted] to conduct a background investigation and surveillance on [redacted] does not recall the name of the private investigator but will contact [redacted] to obtain the name and point of contact for the private investigator. The private investigator's background investigation revealed that [redacted] was in the Army Reserves and was extremely experienced in explosives and

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by SA [redacted] /ech Date dictated 3/8/90

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skydiving. The background investigation also revealed that [redacted] had close ties to survivalist organizations in the area. An investigation of the financial dealings of the [redacted] revealed that [redacted] purchased a great deal of property in the Alpine and American Fork areas of Utah shortly after the D. B. COOPER hijacking. This large land purchase of expensive real estate by the [redacted] fortified [redacted] belief that [redacted] may be D. B. COOPER.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] seemed to be obsessed with skyjacking aircraft and the D. B. COOPER incident. On several occasions, [redacted] attempted to discuss the D. B. COOPER matter with [redacted] however, he would become extremely evasive, smile, and his voice would begin to quiver. Being a [redacted] advised that she believes [redacted] is an extremely paranoid personality. [redacted] finds [redacted] very intimidating and believes he has the physical and mental capability of executing a skyjack. In fact, [redacted] once told [redacted] that a hijacking is the type of thing that [redacted] would do. [redacted] does not know if [redacted] has any information which relates [redacted] to the D. B. COOPER incident. [redacted] does not know where [redacted] is residing or if she would agree to talk to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] with RICHARD MC COY who hijacked an aircraft, parachuted out of the aircraft, and was later killed by FBI Agents. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was extremely proud that RICHARD MC COY used his parachute during the skyjack. [redacted] told [redacted]

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[redacted] seemed to be extremely interested in firearms, explosives, and chemicals. Another peculiarity of [redacted] was that he seemed to be obsessed with \$20.00 bills. On numerous occasions, [redacted] observed [redacted] say that \$20.00 bills should not be deposited into a bank but instead spent because they are [redacted]

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[redacted] to [redacted] may live in Ogden, Utah. [redacted] does not have an address or telephone number for [redacted] and has not seen him in years. [redacted] believes [redacted] name is [redacted] and he may live in Layton, Utah.

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 3/1/90, Page 3

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[redacted] does not recall [redacted]
[redacted] making skydives on the
anniversary of the D. B. COOPER hijacking, or any other details
which [redacted] discussed regarding the D. B. COOPER hijacking.

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In conclusion, [redacted] stated that she believes [redacted]
[redacted] committed the hijacking of Northwestern flight 305
under the alias of D. B. COOPER.

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Date dictated

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 2 FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (P)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 4 CAA - HIJACKING;
 5 (00:SEATTLE)

6 Re Seattle airtel to Salt Lake City, dated 8/7/89, and
 7 Salt Lake City airtels to Seattle, dated 12/11/89, and 1/29/90.

8 Enclosed for Seattle are original and one copy of [redacted]
 9 [redacted] FD-302.

10 [redacted] was interviewed regarding NORJAK suspect [redacted]
 11 [redacted] advised that she no longer goes by the
 12 married name [redacted] met [redacted] at
 13 [redacted] Utah. [redacted]
 14 eventually [redacted]
 15 [redacted] and resulted in [redacted]
 16 During [redacted]
 17 background investigation of [redacted] she learned that [redacted]
 18 is in the Army Reserves, is experienced with explosives, is
 19 affiliated with a survivalist group, and is an expert skydiver.
 20 Other statements by [redacted] background
 21 (detailed in (302)) led [redacted] to believe that [redacted] may
 have committed the NORJACK hijacking under the alias of D.B.
 COOPER.

22 [redacted] recommended discussing [redacted] with his
 23 [redacted] does
 24 not have an address or telephone number for [redacted] but

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believes he lives in Ogden, Utah, and that [redacted]
[redacted] lives in Layton, Utah.

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LEADS:

SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION:

SALT LAKE CITY AT OGDEN AND LAYTON, UTAH:

Will locate and interview [redacted] through an
Ogden address or through [redacted] of Layton,
Utah.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 6/20/90

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK;
OO: SEATTLE

Re [redacted]

Seattle airtel to Portland, dated 1/2/90; and Portland airtel to Seattle, dated 4/13/90.

[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect by [redacted] suspects [redacted] of being identical to the unknown subject, because she claims that in March, 1988, while living in Aurora, Illinois, two FBI agents from Chicago interviewed her concerning [redacted]. She stated the agents from Chicago were concerned that [redacted] may be D. B. COOPER.

NORJAK indices in Chicago and Seattle were checked concerning [redacted] with negative results.

[redacted] according to [redacted] was born in [redacted]. This would mean he was [redacted] years old at the time of captioned crime. Inasmuch as the unknown subject has been described by eyewitnesses as being in his mid-40s, no further investigation will be conducted concerning [redacted] at this time.

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Memorandum



To :

SAC, SEATTLE

Date

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From :

SAC, PITTSBURGH (164A-SE-81) (RUC)

☐ RUC

Subject :

NORJAK
(OO: SEATTLE)☒ File Destruction Program

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Enclosed are 9 items.

These items are forwarded your office since:

☐ All logical investigation completed in this Division☒ You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

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To : SAC, BOSTON (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 7/30/91

From : SA [redacted] (C-6)

Subject: NORJACK;
OO:BS

Re Boston memo to the file dated 6/28/91 and Norfolk airtel to Seattle dated 6/27/90 relative to [redacted] Rindge, NH and Associate, [redacted]

On 7/29/91, the writer identified the following individuals through the NYNEX FASTRACK computer, one of whom may be the same as aforementioned [redacted] in Rindge, NH. Those identified are noted as follows:

1. [redacted] Portland, Maine, telephone [redacted]
2. [redacted] Rindge, New Hampshire, telephone [redacted]
3. [redacted] Rindge, New Hampshire, telephone [redacted]

LEAD

BOSTON DIVISION AT RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Will take appropriate measures towards identifying [redacted] as one and the same as passenger on board Delta Airlines Flight #694 from Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas to Boston, Massachusetts on 6/3/90 with former Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]. Upon identifying same, will interview [redacted] relative to comments made on board said flight pertaining to knowledge of one D.B. COOPER, as discussed between [redacted] and accompanying passenger [redacted]. Through [redacted] will additionally attempt to ascertain present location of [redacted] and set appropriate lead for similar type interview.

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[redacted] (protect identity), [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Newport News, Virginia, telephone number
[redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] around the United States but was
not sure which [redacted]
[redacted] Rindge,
New Hampshire, or [redacted] no home address given.

[redacted]
[redacted] and the [redacted] [redacted] who had purchased them
for himself, [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] showing a confirmation of
flights on DELTA Flight Number 169, for May 29, 1990, leaving
Boston, Massachusetts en route to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, for
seats 39B/39C/38D. The return flight was on DELTA Flight Number
694 leaving June 3, 1990, from Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, to
Boston, Massachusetts, departing 9:46 a.m. and arriving 2:35 p.m.
Seat reservations on this flight were for 21A/21B/22A. The total
airfare for the three, round-trip tickets was \$1,222.50.

[redacted] airline tickets
dated May 14, 1990, for [redacted] in the amount of \$407.50 on
which [redacted] used a Visa card, Number [redacted] with an
expiration of [redacted]

[redacted] said there was an NCN (name unrecalled)
convention in Dallas, Texas, where [redacted] were
going. NCN is based in Phoenix, Arizona, and was described as a
multi-level type of organization for telephone company sales.

Investigation on 6/18/90 at Newport News, Virginia File # 164C-SE-81-9086

By SA [redacted]:dlm Date dictated 6/20/90

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[redacted] was contacted at her place of employment, the office of the UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, 1107 United States Post Office and Court House, Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts. She provided the following information:

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[redacted] was a passenger on DELTA AIRLINES flight number 694 from Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas to Boston, Massachusetts on June 3, 1990. She occupied seat 22C. Seat 22A was occupied by a middle aged white male of medium height with a pudgy build and brown hair.

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During the flight, the man engaged in conversation with a younger white couple who moved around, occupying seats 21A, 21B, and 21C. It appeared that the three people knew each other. Eventually, the man asked the couple if they recalled a past incident in which a hijacker had parachuted from a plane with a lot of money. He specifically mentioned the name "D.B. COOPER."

The couple indicated that they recalled the news coverage of the event and that the money was never found. The man then told them that he knew COOPER's son.

The man stated that COOPER's son lived in Colonna (phonetic), British Columbia and that they sometimes went hunting together. He further stated that COOPER was alive and well and still in touch with his son.

The conversation eventually switched to other topics, and as the plane approached Boston, the man pointed out several small airports. He talked about flying into them and indicated that he owned an airplane.

Investigation on 7/3/90 at Boston, MA File # 164A-SE-81-3 **9087**

by SA [redacted] /lad [signature] Date dictated 7/3/90

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Date 6/27/90

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (164C-SE-81) (RUC)

NORJACK

OO: SEATTLE

Re Boston teletype to Norfolk dated 6/11/90, and Norfolk teletype to Boston and Seattle dated 6/19/90.

Enclosed for the Seattle Division are the original and one copy of an FD-302 of [redacted] on 6/18/90, a [redacted] for [redacted] dated 5/21/90, and [redacted] airline tickets dated 5/14/90 for [redacted] in the amount of \$407.50.

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Enclosed for the Boston Division are two copies of an FD-302 of [redacted] on 6/18/90, [redacted] for [redacted] dated 5/21/90, and [redacted] airline tickets dated 5/14/90 for [redacted] in the amount of \$407.50.

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Appropriate leads are being left to the discretion of the Boston Division in further identifying [redacted] at [redacted] Rindge, New Hampshire, and his association with [redacted]. Leads are further being left to the Boston Division to further identify [redacted] through appropriate visa sources and to interview [redacted] concerning the conversation that was overheard aboard DELTA AIRLINES Flight 694 from Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, to Boston, Massachusetts, between [redacted] and the [redacted].

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No further investigation is being conducted in the Norfolk Division, and this matter is considered RUC'd. 164A-SE-81-#9088

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[redacted] (white male [redacted]
New Ipswich, New Hampshire, residence telephone [redacted]
business telephone [redacted] advised he had gone hunting for
Big Horn sheep on or about September 11, 1987. The [redacted]
[redacted] the hunt was named [redacted] lived in
Penticton, British Colombia, contact telephone [redacted]

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During this hunt he had also met an individual named [redacted]
[redacted] and an individual identified to him as [redacted]
[redacted] asked [redacted] if he ever heard of D.B. COOPER, the
airplane hijacker. [redacted] said that he had, and [redacted] went on
to tell him that [redacted] was the son of D.B. COOPER.
[redacted] never had any conversations with [redacted] about his
father, D.B. COOPER. [redacted] no such discussions because he felt
an individual is not responsible for the actions of his father.

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[redacted] is an avid hunter and estimates that he last had
a conversation with [redacted] about two years ago. [redacted]
[redacted] allegedly was married at the time, had two young children
about [redacted] years of age, and lived just above the
Penticton, British Colombia area. [redacted] recollection is that
in his last conversation with [redacted] was no
longer in [redacted] had
allegedly taken a job on a defoliation project in the same area
of British Colombia.

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[redacted] also advised in approximately August of 1989, he
had gone on another hunting trip for Dall sheep in the Northwest
territories of British Colombia. This hunt was in the area of a
town called Kelowna, British Colombia. The hunt was arranged
through [redacted] owned by an individual named [redacted]
[redacted] contact telephone [redacted] His [redacted] was an
individual named [redacted] was also familiar with the
individual named [redacted] and the fact that he was
allegedly the son of D.B. COOPER.

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[redacted] recalls relating the story he heard from [redacted]
[redacted] to a business associate, [redacted] Rindge, New
Hampshire, contact telephone [redacted] has no
independent knowledge of [redacted] nor his alleged relation-
ship to airplane hijacker D.B. COOPER.

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b7CInvestigation on 10/7/91 at New Ipswich, New Hampshire File # 164A-SE-81 -9089by SA [redacted] ^{ACN}bls Date dictated 10/7/91b6
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Date 10/10/91

TO : SAC, SEATTLE

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (164A-SE-81) (P) (CONCORD RA) (C-7)

NORJACK;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Norfork airtel to Seattle and Boston, dated 6/27/90;
 Boston memo dated 7/30/91.

Enclosed for Seattle are photocopies of the following items:

- 1) Boston memo, dated 7/30/91
- 2) FD-302 interview of [redacted] dated 6/18/90
- 3) FD-302 interview of AUSA [redacted] dated 7/3/90
- 4) FD-302 interview of [redacted] dated 10/7/91.

PURPOSE:

Provide background leading to the interview of [redacted] (white male, DOB [redacted] New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

[redacted] related he had spoken with two [redacted] in British Columbia who identified a local [redacted] allegedly the son of D.B. COOPER.

Boston is not aware of complete details of this investigation; therefore, leads are left to the discretion of Seattle.

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Date 11/14/91

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS
 FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 CAA-HIJACKING
 OO: SE

Re telcal between SA [redacted] SI, and SA [redacted] SE, 10/31/91.

For information of receiving offices, on 9/27/91, [redacted] ATF, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, advised that an ATF informant provided information which may be pertinent to captioned matter. It should be noted that [redacted] was recently assigned to the Cape Girardeau office, after spending several years as an ATF Agent in [redacted]

The informant is [redacted] ATF, [redacted] [redacted], white male, DOB [redacted] The informant advised that [redacted] currently lives in Canada, and [redacted] and that [redacted] The informant [redacted] in Canada [redacted] British Columbia, [redacted]

By way of background, in November, 1971, a white male, using the name D. B. COOPER, hijacked a NORTHWESTERN AIRLINES flight and parachuted from the aircraft with \$200,000 over the northwestern part of Washington state.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

Contact [] ATF, and arrange to interview
ATF's informant, forwarding results to Seattle Division. []
[] has indicated the informant would be made available to
BuAgents.

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Date 11/20/91

TO : SAC, OMAHA

FROM : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81) (RUC)

SUBJECT : NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

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On 11/13/91, IA [redacted] was telephonically contacted by [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY). [redacted] Cedar Rapids, Iowa [redacted] She stated that she may know where D.B. COOPER is located. She stated that she has become acquainted with a male individual named [redacted] Marion, Iowa. This individual is on the [redacted] Marion, Iowa, [redacted] and is also in the City Directory, [redacted] Marion, Iowa.

[redacted] stated that she met [redacted] through an [redacted] He has been [redacted] further noted that [redacted] is married to [redacted] Marion, Iowa.

On one occasion, [redacted] recalls seeing [redacted] (below the knee, possibly the right leg). When [redacted] asked, [redacted] He replied, [redacted]

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[redacted] described [redacted] ^{one} as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Age | Late 50's, early 60's |
| Height | Approximately 6' |
| Weight | Unknown |
| Hair | White, receding |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Build | Thin |
| Physical | Thin nose; [redacted] |
| | [redacted] usually well dressed. |

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AT MARION, IOWA

Fully identify and interview, [redacted]
[redacted] Marion, Iowa. Report results to
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Date 12/13/91

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RIVRA/C-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT : NORJAK

OO: Seattle

Re telcall of FA [redacted] Riverside RA, to
 SA [redacted] Seattle, 12/2/91.

Enclosed for Seattle is one 8 1/2 x 10 photograph
 of [redacted] with an unidentified pilot. Also
 enclosed is a five-page Parachutist Log, dated 7/9/66 -
 9/17/72.

Due to the 20th anniversary of captioned hijacking,
 this matter has been featured in local newspapers as well as
 on local television programs. As a direct result, on
 11/29/91, [redacted]
 Riverside, California [redacted] TDD telephone [redacted]
 appeared at the Riverside RA. As [redacted] he may be
 reached either through his [redacted]
 [redacted] or through [redacted] and a message
 will be relayed through the [redacted] provided
 a photograph of himself as a skydiver believed taken between
 10/3/70 and 9/17/72 (Jumps #31 - 50). [redacted] stated he
 recently found this photograph and felt the pilot was
 identical to D. B. COOPER. [redacted] advised the pilot's
 signature as well as the pilot's license number appears on his
 log and would assist in locating and identifying the pilot in
 question.

The above information is being provided to the
 Seattle Division for whatever action deemed appropriate.

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Date 1/8/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 CAA-HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

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Reference Springfield airtel to St. Louis dated 11/14/91 and telcall between [redacted] Springfield, and SA [redacted] Seattle, 10/31/91.

For information of receiving offices, on 12/3/91, ATF, Cape Girardeau informant was contacted by FBI, St. Louis. ATF informant was contacted at the [redacted] Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. Source then provided the following information:

Source advised [redacted] has been acquainted with [redacted] [redacted], white male, date of birth [redacted] since [redacted]. Since [redacted] has stated several times that [redacted] is the same person as the D. B. COOPER who hijacked an airline and got away with \$200,000.00.

Source advised that [redacted] knew this fact because [redacted] was a former [redacted] and paratrooper. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] had

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extensive survival training. [redacted] has also stated that [redacted] was an [redacted] for the airline that was hijacked by [redacted] [redacted] had access to all flight information pertaining to the hijacked plane.

[redacted] had not been close to [redacted] and only saw [redacted] a few times [redacted] [redacted] is now wanted on two felony charges and is hiding out with [redacted] in Canada. Source advised during the time of the hijacking [redacted] owned [redacted] Wyoming. After the hijacking, [redacted] disappeared. [redacted] who is now deceased, saw [redacted] shortly after the hijacking. [redacted] was observed [redacted]

After his incident, [redacted] to Canada. The entire [redacted] family was questioned by authorities concerning [redacted] and his whereabouts.

Source advised that [redacted] parachuted over Washington State because he has a [redacted] who reside there. [redacted] name is [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), and [redacted] who now lives in Seattle, Washington.

[redacted] is currently employed with [redacted] in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. [redacted] are not citizens of Canada and considered "Landed Immigrants".

The [redacted] current address is [redacted] Dawson Creek, British Columbia (BC) [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

Source advised because [redacted] is the hijacker D. B. COOPER and [redacted] is wanted on two felonies, they will not come to the United States for any reason.

Source provided a description of [redacted] as follows:

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| Age: | Late 50's |
| Height: | 5'7" - 5'8" |
| Weight: | 180 pounds |

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| Build: | Stocky |
| Hair: | Dark brown, receding hairline |
| Scars, marks, and tattoos: | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em;"></div> |
| Unusual characteristics: | Practical joker |

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Source could not provide a date of birth, Social Security Account Number, or Military Identification Number for Military records checks at St. Louis, Missouri cannot be conducted without this information.

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Seattle Division is requested to review above information for suitability of continued investigation. Logical investigative leads will be sent at discretion of Seattle Division.

St. Louis Division considers this matter RUC.

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| Co. F.B.I. | NORTHWEST AIRLINES |
| Dept. | [Redacted] |
| Fax # 206-432-0460 | [Redacted] |

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NORTHWEST AIRLINES

Northwest Airlines, Inc.
Seattle/Tacoma
International Airport
Seattle WA 98158

[Redacted]

HERE IS THE LETTER I TALKED
TO YOU ABOUT. I HAVE THE
ORIGINAL ON FILE.

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[Redacted]

12/8/91

SEATTLE/TACOMA AIRPORT
Northwest Air Inc
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Dear Sirs

I TRIED to call you at (800) 442-0070
but LEARNED from the tape that it's not you.

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... looked up your names for ...
... Insurance Registry and learned you have ...
... been Impaired since 1989. Does this ...
... mean you are out of business??
... According to some sources you are ...
... the company who went on the hook for ...
... all the ransom paid the SKY-JACKER ...
... "D.B. Cooper." Is this true? Is it ...
... the big loss that made your firm Impaired?
... You offered 10% of the reward, is ...
... that still good? Didn't money 10% of the \$4 ...
... million for information leading to his identity?
... Or, did it just mean 10% of what's left of the hunt?
... I think your agent handling the case was [redacted]
... But I can't be sure of that. If you knew the right ...
... agency or agent, please advise. The time limitations have ...
... passed for any CRIMINAL Indictment. [redacted] ^{Per [redacted]}

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[Redacted]
~~Hixson Methodist Church~~
~~522-0120~~
Hixson, Tennessee [Redacted]



NORTHWEST AIRLINES, Inc.
Insurance Co (D.B. Cooper)
c/o The International Airport
Seattle, Washington - 98101

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Date 1/9/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (164A-0) (P)
 SUBJECT : *ONP*
 NORJAK
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 (OO: SEATTLE)

Re Richmond telcal (SA [] to Seattle
 (SA [] on 1/7/92.

On 11/21/91, Richmond received a telephone call from [] who indicated that she believed her stepfather was D. B. COOPER. [] would not give any information over the telephone, but insisted that an Agent come to visit her at her home in Petersburg, Va., at which time she agreed to show photographs and give pertinent information as to her stepfather's identity, and why she believed he was D. B. COOPER. [] indicated that she was living with her mother, [] Petersburg, Va.

On 11/22/91, this Agent met with [] at her home in Petersburg, Va. Also present during this time was [] identified her stepfather as [] but refused to give Agent any further information until Agent would assure [] that any subsequent investigation would be conducted on her terms. Neither [] knew [] date of birth (DOB) or Social Security Account

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Number (SSAN). They would give no information as to where he lived or worked, other than saying that he worked for the Federal Government and was a [redacted] showed Agent an old photograph of her stepfather, but would not let Agent take this photograph to make copies. [redacted] did indicate that her stepfather was six feet six inches tall, and would have been in his early 20s at the time of the incident.

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Despite numerous assurances of confidentiality, [redacted] would provide no further information regarding [redacted] unless Agent would assure them that any investigation would be conducted as they directed. They were told that they could not direct course of any subsequent investigation, at which point they continued to make various demands. At this point, the interview was terminated, and [redacted] were advised that if they wished for the FBI to reinterview them, they would have to be ready to provide all information pertinent to this matter.

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On 1/3/92, this office received a telephone call from an unknown individual who wished to provide additional information on [redacted] was described as a former paratrooper, who lived for some period of time in Spokane, Wash. [redacted] was supposedly stationed overseas during the time of the D. B. COOPER incident; however, also during this time his [redacted] passed away, and he returned to the United States, very distraught. Since the D. B. COOPER incident, [redacted] has always acted strange around the anniversary date of the incident, and would never discuss the case when anyone would ask him about it. [redacted] is supposedly a [redacted] with the United States Government, with the specific job of an [redacted]

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[redacted] is further described as follows:

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| Name: | [redacted] |
| DOB: | [redacted] |
| Height: | Six feet four inches |
| Hair: | Brown |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Residence address: | [redacted] Sparks, Nev. |
| Home telephone number: | [redacted] |
| Work telephone number: | [redacted] |

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A review of DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES records for Nevada reveals a [REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED] residing in Sparks, Nev. No further information was available to Richmond regarding this individual.

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A copy of this airtel is being provided to Las Vegas Division for information purposes only. Per referenced telephone conversation between Richmond and Seattle, Seattle will determine the value of information provided, and set forth leads as it deems appropriate.

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Date 1/15/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE
 FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
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On 11/25/91, [redacted] telephone [redacted] telephonically contacted the Sacramento Division and advised that he had read an article in the newspaper and saw a picture regarding D.B. COOPER and said that he thought he knew who D.B. COOPER is. He identified him as [redacted] a white male, approximately 48 to 50 years of age. [redacted] advised that he strongly resembles the hijacker and that he was in the Army, and last spoke to him in the spring of 1971. He stated that he and [redacted] were in the 1st 508 Company C, 82nd Airborne Division, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He further stated that [redacted] was approximately [redacted] years of age in 1969, and is originally from Kentucky. He added that besides looking exactly like the hijacker, [redacted] always chain-smoked Raleigh cigarettes.

Sacramento indices were negative regarding [redacted]. An inquiry with the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System regarding [redacted] was negative.

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In view of the extensive investigation conducted by the Seattle Division in this matter, the above information is being furnished for any action deemed necessary by the OO. At this time, no further investigation will be conducted by the Sacramento Division.

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DB Cooper-20640

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/2/90

Date of transcription

[redacted] Date of Birth, [redacted]
[redacted] Colorado, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, which was to obtain information concerning her telephone call to the Denver FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Office on July 10, 1990. In this call, [redacted] related that [redacted] she has known him that he is the individual known as D.B. COOPER who allegedly committed a hijacking many years ago.

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[redacted] advised that she [redacted]
[redacted] Date of Birth, [redacted] in [redacted] His real name, [redacted] was changed when he [redacted] and, to [redacted] knowledge, he has always used the name [redacted] She related that [redacted] has claimed to be D.B. COOPER since [redacted] He is currently incarcerated in the FREMONT COUNTY JAIL for [redacted] with a one-half million dollar bond. He also has pending charges of [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] She advised she is coming forward with the information on his D.B. COOPER identity now because she wants him to [redacted]

[redacted] She further explained that [redacted]
[redacted] before now.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told her he used the name D.B. COOPER at the time of the hijacking because [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] it was him. He acquired this [redacted] because of his [redacted] told her the [redacted] and in no way could have been detonated.

[redacted] related that in [redacted] never swayed in his story of the hijacking and was almost obsessed with this identity. To her knowledge, [redacted] a friend, and [redacted] were the only other people who knew about [redacted] identity. It would [redacted] ever made reference to it, but generally he found a lot of pleasure in bragging about it. Shortly before he went to jail, [redacted] had been for months

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by SA [redacted] /tmp Date dictated 8/7/90

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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working with [REDACTED] practicing jumps and exercising in order to get in good shape to perform another hijacking.

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[REDACTED] had always been disappointed that the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He had planned to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] often commented that since there was no evidence from the hijacking, he would always get away with it, but that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] When the movie about the hijacking was on television several months ago, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] as he was going to be out of town. He wanted to watch it [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The [REDACTED] [REDACTED] however, and [REDACTED] which angered him.

[REDACTED] further stated that there was a song which mentioned D.B. COOPER, by an artist she could not recall, that [REDACTED] Whenever it came on the radio, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had told her that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in order to avoid drawing attention. He planned to use [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that after [REDACTED] was jailed, [REDACTED] and one of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] used in the hijacking, along with all of [REDACTED] To her knowledge, [REDACTED] is at [REDACTED] along with other pictures and mementos from his time in the service. The only photograph of [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] could provide was one taken when he was a COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS [REDACTED]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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During the [REDACTED] he was unemployed, and [REDACTED] He always [REDACTED] which she believed [REDACTED] She did not know [REDACTED] to use drugs, although he commented on several occasions that [REDACTED] if he wanted to.

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[REDACTED] believes [REDACTED] is truthful about his identity as D.B. COOPER because: (1) he is entirely capable, (2) he lived this consistent, unwavering identity for [REDACTED] (3) he claimed to be a master paratrooper in the [REDACTED] (4) this is the only story or claim of this sort that she witnessed, (5) his story closely matched the details presented in the movie.

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[REDACTED] further described [REDACTED] as vindictive, extremely manipulative and a persistent schemer, always trying to rip people off. He [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] while [REDACTED] He was a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] following his [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED] years ago, and has been [REDACTED] periodically, and [REDACTED] as a couple months ago. He allegedly [REDACTED] also, however, was [REDACTED] and was subsequently [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] which she was not aware of until recently. This matter is being investigated by the FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, and this [REDACTED] is another reason [REDACTED] capable of the hijacking incident and the D.B. COOPER identity.

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is described as follows:

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Date of Birth:

Height:

5'11"

Weight:

175

Eyes:

Hazel

Hair:

Brown

Social Security

Account Number:

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
From : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
NORJACK
Subject : OO: SEATTLE

Date 1-13-92

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(Title)

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Date 1/21/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE
 FROM : SAC, OMAHA (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Denver airtel to Omaha dated 11/20/91.

On 1/7/92, contact was made with [redacted] (Protect Identity), [redacted] Cedar Rapids, Iowa, telephone number [redacted] in connection with possible knowledge of D. B. COOPER. [redacted] thought an individual known to her as [redacted] of Cedar Rapids was D. B. COOPER.

Upon talking with [redacted] it was learned that she knew an individual named [redacted] whom she met through [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] had always said he lived in the Council Bluffs area but unknown exactly where. [redacted] on a wild hunch, checked the Cedar Rapids directories and came up with [redacted] and thought [redacted] and [redacted] were one and the same. [redacted] never bothered to check any further to see if the [redacted] even resembled each other.

After [redacted] initially reported the information to Denver, and before investigating Agent contacted her, she happened to see [redacted] and realized he was not the same person known to her as [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she [redacted]
[redacted] advised
that she believed she will see him again in April or May, as
[redacted] advised that she will
advise FBI when she sees [redacted] again.

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Due to [redacted] mistaken information as first
reported, [redacted] will not be contacted since [redacted]
freely admits that he is not the correct individual.

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Since no further investigation is needed in the
Omaha Division at this time, this matter is being placed in
RUC status.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
300 W. Congress
Tucson, Arizona

11/28/94

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a retired [redacted]
from San Quentin Prison in the
California Correctional system. I
retired on [redacted]

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I was looking at the enclosed
news article on this D.B. Cooper and
his picture greatly resembles a [redacted]
[redacted] as mine by the name of [redacted]

He was [redacted]

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The 1960's (can't remember date to well.)
I believe he was some kind of Con Man.
This maybe worth looking into.

In any case Merry Xmas and a
Happy New Year
Sincerely,

In case you need
to ask a question my
phone number is [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION (FBI)
300 W. CONGRESS
TUCSON, AZ.

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Skyjacker's fate still debated 20 years later

By Hal Spencer
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Yesterday was D.B. Cooper's 20th anniversary. But was it the 20th year of the legendary skyjacker's death or 20 years since he began a new life with a bagful of stolen greenbacks?

As is their annual custom, Cooper fans from Seattle to San Jose, Calif., to Salt Lake City organized celebrations to honor their hero, who they believe melted into society after committing the perfect crime — parachuting from an airliner over Washington state with \$200,000 in ransom money on Nov. 24, 1971.

Two decades after the unique exploit, which a retired FBI agent calls stupid and almost certainly fatal, Cooper's real identity is still a mystery. Nobody knows if he's a pile of bleached bones in the mountains of Washington or the guy next door.

Cooper's crime seems almost quaint in today's violent world. And his \$200,000 in marked money would hardly make him a rich man.

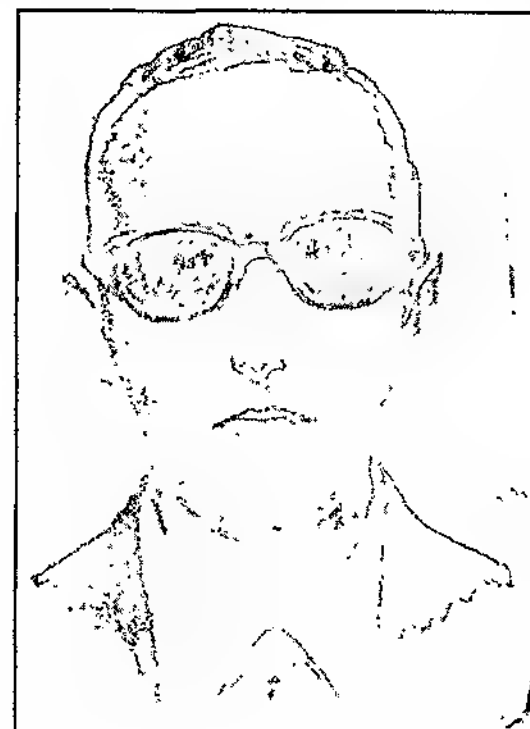
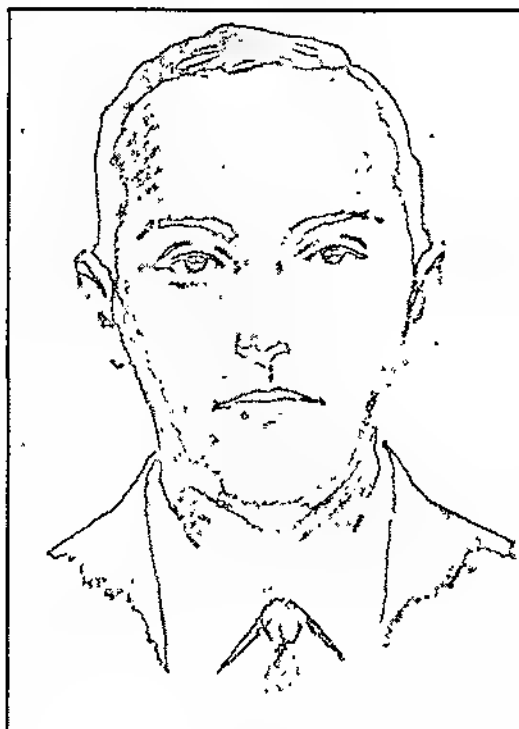
The story began Thanksgiving eve, when a man wearing dark glasses boarded a Northwest-Orient Airlines Boeing 727 at Portland International Airport. He used the name Dan Cooper to purchase his plane ticket. The name became popularized as D.B. Cooper after a law enforcement official erroneously referred to him that way.

Once airborne, "Cooper" handed the stewardess a note saying he had a dynamite bomb in his attache case. The man, who chain-smoked Raleigh filter-tipped cigarettes and who appeared to be in his middle to late 40s, demanded \$200,000 in used \$20 bills.

He collected the money — provided by the airline — during a brief stop at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, where the 36 passengers were released and the four crew members were kept aboard.

Airborne again, Cooper parachuted into a freezing rainstorm at 10,000 feet near tiny Ariel in southwestern Washington, wearing only a business suit and loafers. The temperature was 7 below zero, not counting the wind chill factor at the plane's speed of 200 mph.

"It was obviously not well-thought-out. . . . It was stupid," said Ralph Himmelsbach, the retired



The Associated Press

Sketches made in 1971 are of man believed to be the skyjacker known as D.B. Cooper

FBI agent who spent nearly a decade investigating the crime.

If Cooper didn't freeze to death on his way down, he probably died when he hit the ground, said Himmelsbach, reached at his home in Redmond, Ore.

"And he came down right smack dab in the middle of the woods in really rugged country," he said. "There are steep, up-and-down ravines in really heavily wooded country. It was a bad place to land, and it is doubtful we would ever find the body."

The very fact that Cooper's identity has never emerged tells Himmelsbach the man was probably an ex-con.

Himmelsbach said he was further convinced that Cooper was dead after boys playing on the Columbia River in February 1980 found \$5,800 in crumbling \$20 bills that turned out to be from

Cooper's loot. He speculated that either Cooper landed in the Columbia and drowned, or died in the mountains and the money was washed out.

As usual, Cooper believers are having none of that. Each year, anniversary celebrations are held at taverns named D.B. Cooper in Salt Lake City and San Jose, and at a little bar in Ariel, where legend has it, Cooper paid an anonymous visit during an earlier party in his honor.

At the Salt Lake City tavern, where a celebration is set for Thanksgiving eve, the customers have a new explanation of Cooper's fate, said bartender John Nicolaisen.

A recently published book argues that Cooper was actually Richard F. McCoy, a Provo, Utah, man arrested and convicted of a similar hijacking in 1972. McCoy was later killed after a prison escape.

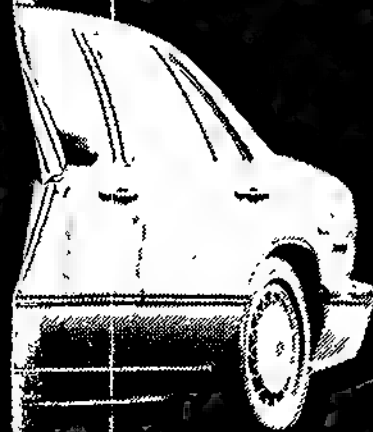
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WASHINGTON



John Sununu and his son Peter await President Bush's return

Sununu gets a thumbs-up from Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — A smiling John Sununu was waiting to greet President Bush as he returned to the White House yesterday from Camp David. The president gave a thumbs-up when asked if he intended to keep his combative chief of staff.

Sununu is not normally on hand when the president returns from weekends at the mountaintop retreat.

This time Sununu was waiting at the door with his wife and son as the Marine One helicopter approached.

"What brought you in?" a reporter asked Sununu.

"Just catching up," he said.

There has been a spate of recent reports of bickering between Sununu and Bush's political advisers, including prospective leaders of Bush's impending re-election campaign.

Cost of emission control devices on cars has oil, auto industries pointing fingers

By H. Josef Hebert
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's no dispute that toxic and smog-causing fumes spew out of automobile tanks with every fill-up. But there's no agreement on how to control them.

Technology isn't the issue; there already are two proven methods for stopping the emissions.

But the debate has pitted Big Oil against the Big Three automakers. Neither wants to foot the bill for any new controls to stop the emissions.

against installing yet another pollution control device in new cars. It says the oil industry ought to pay this time by capturing the releases at the pump.

The controls at service stations "represent a more timely, efficient and less expensive method of meeting the nation's clean air goals," argues Thomas Hanna, president of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association.

Cost estimates for the so-called "on-board vapor recovery canis-

terful political interest groups has put the EPA's regulatory effort on hold, although Congress last year directed the agency to issue a regulation by mid-November.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, a leading environmental advocacy group, informed the EPA this month it planned to file a lawsuit soon charging the agency has failed to comply with the 1990 Clean Air Act by not issuing rules for on-board canisters. The 1990 law requires they be phased in by 1996 car models.

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Date 1/16/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE
 FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (164-100) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : *ONR* NORJAK;
 164-81;
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Seattle is the original and one copy
 of a letter and newspaper article to FBI, Tucson, by

Further investigation is being left to the
 discretion of Seattle.

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 1 - Phoenix
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/7/92✓ 164-81-9091; 9094;

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
 [redacted] Golconda, Illinois, [redacted] telephone [redacted] advised
 he also receives mail at [redacted] Mt. Vernon, Illinois,
 [redacted] was advised as to the identity of the interviewing
 Agent and the nature of the interview, and provided the following
 information:

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[redacted] advised that although he uses [redacted]
 [redacted] Golconda, Illinois, and telephone [redacted] that he is
 rarely at that address. [redacted] is currently residing in Mt.
 Vernon and currently has no telephone at his current address.
 [redacted] stated that if anyone needs to get a hold of him again, it
 would be easiest to send a letter to his [redacted] in Mt. Vernon,
 and he would get back to them as soon as possible.

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[redacted] contacted the FEDERAL BUREAU OF
 INVESTIGATION (FBI), Carbondale, Illinois, on January 28, 1992,
 and requested an Agent meet with him as soon as possible.
 [redacted] met with Agents to discuss the possible identity of
 D.B. COOPER who hijacked an airplane in the early 70's. [redacted]
 [redacted] stated that he believed [redacted] date
 of birth [redacted] was the person who hijacked the
 airplane and identified himself as D.B. COOPER. Although [redacted]
 [redacted] does not have any solid physical evidence linking [redacted]
 to the hijacking, [redacted] did state that [redacted] admitted
 to him that he had hijacked that airplane. [redacted] stated
 that [redacted] was a member of the 101st Army Airborne Unit and
 was also a [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted]
 served in Vietnam and also was an Airborne instructor. In
 addition, [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a [redacted]
 [redacted] as well as a [redacted] After
 [redacted] retired from the military in [redacted] he purchased a
 [redacted] Wyoming, and continued to live there until
 he moved to Canada somewhere in the area of 1974 or 1975.
 [redacted] stated that [redacted] is still living in Canada and
 owns a [redacted] farm in Canada. The value of this
 farm, according to [redacted] is approximately to \$800,000 to
 \$900,000.

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by SA [redacted] /bbs

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] who would have been [redacted] visited [redacted] around the time that the plane had been hijacked. At this time, [redacted] was not at his residence and no one seemed to know what happened to him. After a few weeks, [redacted] returned to his home but refused to answer his door even to [redacted] stated that [redacted] related to him that [redacted] had been seen [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that this is very peculiar due to the fact that [redacted] never locked his doors and had no reason not to talk to [redacted]

Although [redacted] has not spent a great deal of time with [redacted] he visits him often and on one such visit, [redacted] had told [redacted] that he had been questioned by the FBI with regards to the hijacking. [redacted] proceeded to ask [redacted] why the FBI would be questioning him about this hijacking. [redacted] stated that [redacted] at this time confided in him and stated that he had been the one who hijacked the airplane. The time period when [redacted] confided in [redacted] was either 1984 or 1985. [redacted] has no idea why [redacted] would use the initials D.B. [redacted] advised that [redacted] [redacted] was named [redacted] and [redacted] name was [redacted]

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[redacted] provided the following information with regards to [redacted]

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Place of Birth: [redacted]

Height:

5'7" - 5'8"

Build:

Stocky

(Pot belly)

Weight:

180 pounds

Eyes:

Green

Hair:

Thinning

Tattoos:

Miscellaneous: [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] owns several guns, but he does not believe he uses them very often. [redacted] also feels that [redacted] may have assisted him in the hijacking. [redacted] name was [redacted] however, [redacted] does not know what [redacted] was. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] is

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still currently a U.S. citizen and draws a military retirement as well as social security. [redacted] also visits the United States occasionally, but due to the fact that [redacted] and [redacted] are not on speaking terms, he is unaware of when [redacted] will be visiting the United States. [redacted] provided an address for [redacted] which is General Delivery, Progress, B.C., [redacted] telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that his reasons for coming forward at this time are personal and he would prefer not to release them at this time. [redacted] stated that if anyone could pull off such a hijacking, it would be [redacted] also stated that other members of [redacted] suspect [redacted] of being the hijacker, but no one in [redacted] has solid evidence. [redacted] concluded by saying that if he learns anything further with regards to [redacted] he would contact the FBI as soon as possible.

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Date 2/10/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM : *uf* SAC, Springfield (164A-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re telcal of SA [redacted] Carbondale RA,
 Springfield Division to SA [redacted] on 1/31/92.

Enclosed for the Seattle Division is the original
 and two copies of FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted]
 [redacted] and interview notes.

② Seattle (164A-81)
 1-Springfield (164A-81)

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Date 2/11/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164A-SE-81)(P)(SJRA/3)
 SUBJECT : NORJACK;
 CAA - HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re: Newark airtel to the Bureau dated 10/18/91.

For the information of Seattle and Newark on 11/1/91, [redacted] San Jose, California, verified that [redacted] resided in [redacted] for approximately two months until he was evicted in August or September, 1991. [redacted] was [redacted] and drove a [redacted] pick-up, [redacted] in color with a camper shell. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was also friendly with [redacted] who resides in [redacted] allowed [redacted] to live with him for a short time before [redacted] was evicted. [redacted] was also acquainted with [redacted] whose [redacted] located just next to [redacted] no longer resides in [redacted] and her whereabouts in unknown.

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On 11/4/91, [redacted]
[redacted] San Jose, California, advised he was acquainted
with [redacted] when he resided during the summer of 1991 at
[redacted] [redacted] has not seen [redacted]
since he was evicted from [redacted] and doubts that his
[redacted] would know [redacted] current whereabouts.

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On 11/4/91, [redacted]
San Jose, California, advised that [redacted] left no
forwarding address when he was evicted from [redacted] and still
owed in excess of [redacted] in rent. [redacted] advised that [redacted]
ran up in excess of [redacted] in phone bills on the phone of [redacted]
[redacted] who [redacted] resided with for a short time in [redacted]
[redacted]

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On 11/6/91, [redacted]
[redacted] San Jose, California, advised that [redacted] resided
with him for a short time during the summer months of 1991.
[redacted] did odd jobs as [redacted] in the San Jose area and
did not appear to be a member of [redacted]
drove an old [redacted] vehicle which has since been towed
away. At one time [redacted] was receiving unemployment benefits
while he was still residing with [redacted] advised that
[redacted] ran up a rather large telephone bill, calling numerous
women in the Philippines to encourage them to come to the
United States and marry [redacted]

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A review of the California Law Enforcement Teletype
System (CLETS) shows that [redacted] date of birth
[redacted] is in possession of a current California drivers
license and last provided a current address in September,
1988, of [redacted] San Jose, California.

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On 11/7/91, inquiry at [redacted] San
Jose, California, determined that [redacted] currently
resides at this address. [redacted] home telephone [redacted]
[redacted] advised she first met [redacted] in 1988 through a
[redacted] subsequently [redacted]
[redacted] at San Jose, California.
[redacted] advised that [redacted] and she
subsequently received a [redacted]
[redacted] has not personally seen [redacted] since at least November,
1989, and has no idea as to his current whereabouts.

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[redacted] talked very little about his past other than
he was originally from the State of Washington and has an ex-
wife by the name of [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] still occasionally receives mail for [redacted] including mail from the IRS from the State of Washington and from the State of California Board of Equalization.

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[redacted] advised that she and [redacted] [redacted] at Great Western Savings and Loan, San Jose, California. [redacted] advised that she recalls seeing statements from Merrill Lynch in the [redacted] However, at the present time [redacted] no longer has [redacted] stated she has no means of getting in touch with [redacted] and has no recollection of any immediate family [redacted] has either in the San Jose area or in the State of Washington other than the ex-wife she already mentioned.

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On 12/10/91, records of the Oakland, California Police Department show that on [redacted] was issued a citation for [redacted] [redacted] have a local address of [redacted] Oakland, California, Social Security number [redacted] and entered a guilty plea in traffic court on [redacted] It is noted no vehicle was indicated on the police report in connection with this citation. In addition to the above citation, [redacted] was a suspect in an [redacted] on [redacted] in Oakland, California. Local District Attorney's Office, Oakland, California, declined to issue a warrant for [redacted] in connection with this incident due to insufficient evidence. At that time [redacted] gave an address of his [redacted] [redacted] San Jose, California.

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In addition, [redacted] was a complainant to the Oakland, California Police Department on [redacted] and [redacted] concerning an assault and battery matter, however, suspects in this matter were never fully identified and [redacted] at that time provided an address of the [redacted] [redacted] San Jose, California.

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[redacted] according to Department of Vehicles records, is still a registered owner of a [redacted] pick-up, California license [redacted] which expires June 30, 1992, and a [redacted] California license [redacted] which is to expire in March, 1992.

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Department of Motor Vehicles is unable to place an appropriate stop with [redacted] California drivers license so that FBI can be notified in the event [redacted] received any future citations, since he at this time is not a federal fugitive.

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On 12/16/91, investigation at [redacted] Oakland, California, determined from the owners of the property of this address that [redacted] is unknown to them and to their knowledge [redacted] has never rented at this address.

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LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: If feasible, place appropriate stops with Oakland Police Department and Alameda County Sheriff's Office on [redacted] date of birth [redacted] PFN number [redacted], in order that FBI can be notified should [redacted] be arrested or receive a citation.

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AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: Reinterview [redacted] [redacted] and show her composite drawing of D.B. COOPER. Will obtain other personal details of [redacted] life to ascertain if [redacted] has any characteristics similar to that of D.B. COOPER.

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

UNSUB., aka.
D. B. COOPER

Character of case

CAA - HIJACKING

Complainant ☐ Protect Source

LYNNWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 2/28/92 Time 3:40pm

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

Subject's
Description

Race

Sex

Height

Hair

Build

Birth date and Birthplace

Age

☐ Male

☐ Female

Weight

Eyes

Complexion

Social Security Number

Scars, marks or other data

Facts of complaint

C. advised his department received a call from [redacted] telephone [redacted] (Bothell) who advised she was getting older now and wanted to give information about a man she used to date that she claims is D.B. COOPER. [redacted] advised his name is [redacted] from Roseburg, Oregon. He was a pilot and [redacted] His family has a [redacted] in Roseburg, Oregon. C. would like to talk with the proper authorities concerning the hijacking, and provide the information she has concerning [redacted]

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IA [redacted]

(Complaint received by)

DB Cooper-20661

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Date 3/2/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164A-SE-81) (P) (SJRA/3)
 SUBJECT : NORJACK;
 CAA - HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re San Francisco airtel to Seattle dated 2/11/92.

Enclosed for Seattle and Newark are two copies of
 investigative insert and information flyer provided to Oakland
 Police Department and Alameda County SO re suspect, [redacted]

Investigation continuing at San Jose, Calif., to
 reinterview suspect's [redacted]

② Seattle (Encl. 4) *Recd Am*
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 2- San Francisco
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On 2/25/92, an informational flyer was disseminated to patrol divisions of both the Oakland Police Department and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office regarding [REDACTED]

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The flyer advised that the FBI was interested in interviewing [REDACTED] regarding air piracy violations in Seattle, Washington. It was stressed that no federal warrants exist against [REDACTED] and that he is only wanted for questioning. It was also expressed to the above agencies that [REDACTED] is not aware that the FBI is interested in interviewing him and that, if stopped, he should not be advised of the FBI's interest in him; the reason being that upon locating [REDACTED] it will be necessary for agents from Seattle and Newark, New Jersey to travel to Oakland for the purpose of interviewing [REDACTED]

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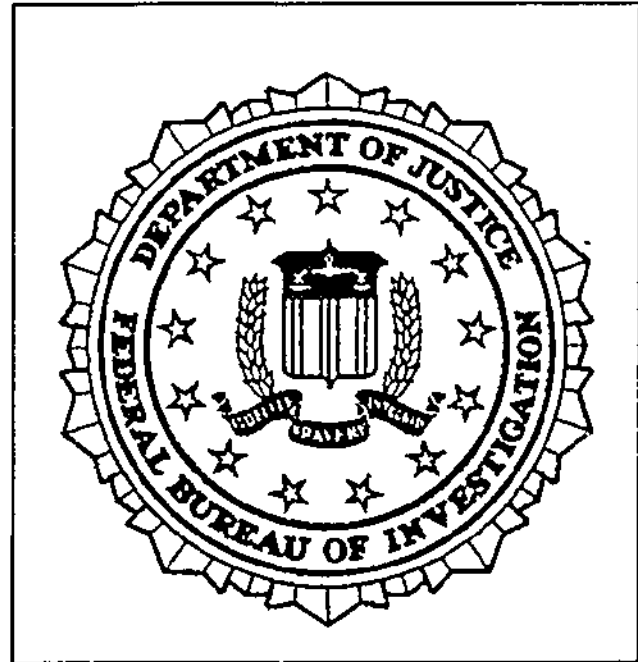
Should [REDACTED] be stopped and or arrested for any reason in the Oakland/Alameda County area, the local agencies will immediately contact SA [REDACTED] of the Oakland Resident Agency and both Seattle and Newark will be notified.

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ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

BY
F.B.I. OAKLAND

NAME: [REDACTED]
SEX: Male
RACE: White
DOB: [REDACTED]
POB: [REDACTED]
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 180 lbs.
HAIR: Grey
EYES: Hazel
SSAN: [REDACTED]
PFN#: [REDACTED]
VEHICLES: [REDACTED]
 pickup, Cal. Lic
 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Cal Lic



For information of receiving officers, [REDACTED] is being sought for questioning regarding federal air piracy violations out of Seattle, Washington. No warrants exist at this time. [REDACTED] is currently unaware of the FBI's interest in him and it is important that he not be made aware as it will be necessary for agents from Seattle and Newark, New Jersey to travel to Oakland upon the determination of [REDACTED] whereabouts.

NCIC, Washington, D.C. has advised that numerous NCIC inquiries regarding [REDACTED] have been made over the past months by the Oakland Police Department. Past residences in Oakland and San Jose, provided by [REDACTED] have proven to be either old or erroneous information.

Receiving officers, should they come across [REDACTED] Date of Birth, [REDACTED] PFN [REDACTED] are requested to develop as much current information as possible regarding [REDACTED] residence and vehicles. If [REDACTED] is arrested for any local charges, please contact the below named Special Agent.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Any information, please contact SA [REDACTED] FBI Oakland, telephone (510) 451-9782 Days or (415) 553-7400 Nights.

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Date 3/31/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJACK;
OO:SEATTLE

Reference Boston airtel to Seattle, date 10/10/91.

Inasmuch as all logical investigation has been concluded within the Boston Division, Boston is placing captioned investigation in an RUC status.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)(P)

Date 6/4/90

From : ~~EFB/LAD~~ SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164A-SE-81)(P)

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

For purposes of information, during the last week of 4/90, [redacted] was in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Resident Agency to [redacted] and during this procedure, inquired from SAS [redacted] if the FBI had ever caught D. B. COOPER. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that during the time frame of the NORTHWEST AIRLINES hijacking, there was a number of newspaper articles which revealed the likeness or showed photographs of an individual who used the name of D. B. COOPER during this hijacking. [redacted] stated these pictures closely resembled an individual known to him as [redacted] who worked with [redacted] as a [redacted] in the Kellogg, Idaho, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was a sport parachutist and used to keep his parachute hung up in the [redacted] [redacted] added that when [redacted] left the [redacted] he went to either Los Angeles or San Francisco, California, and obtained work as a [redacted] for one of the major airlines, although, [redacted] could not remember which airline [redacted] worked for. [redacted] stated that he has not seen [redacted] since [redacted] left the fire department and traveled to California.

[redacted] thought [redacted] would have been in his mid to late 20s at the time of the hijacking incident. [redacted] stated [redacted] was approximately 6'0 tall, well built, 150-160 pounds, having dark black hair which may have been curly, and sometimes wore a beard. [redacted] described [redacted] as a nice guy, but a dare devil who was a con-man, in that money lent to him would never be returned.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] lived in Spokane, Washington, although he could not recall [redacted] first name. [redacted] believed that [redacted] was born in [redacted]

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[] stated that [] worked for the BUNKER HILL MINING COMPANY in Kellogg, Idaho, although it may have been called the PITLER MINES at that time. [] advised that the main office for the BUNKER HILL MINING COMPANY was in the COEUR D'ALENE MINES Building located at 501 Front Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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[] stated that he provided this information to the police department in Kellogg, Idaho, during the time of the press coverage, although he felt that they did not do anything about it.

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[] stated that FRANK CRNKOVICH, Sheriff, Shoshone County, Idaho, knew [] and may know more about the incident. [] added that the only other individuals he could think of who may have known [] would have been [] who lives in Post Falls, Idaho, or his brother, [] who lives in Kellogg, Idaho.

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The following information was obtained concerning [] through interview and a driver's license vehicle check:

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| Name | [] |
| Date of birth | [] |
| Height | 5'7" |
| Weight | 170 pounds |
| Social Security | [] |
| Account Number | [] |
| Address | [] |
| | Coeur d'Alene, Idaho |
| Telephone number | [] |

[] The vehicle registration check showed three addresses for [] being as follows:

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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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Date 4/16/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (P)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re PX airtel to SE dated 4/10/92.

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and two copies each of an FD-302 re interview of [redacted] on 4/10/92, [redacted] and an [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed subsequent to information obtained relative to [redacted] suspect in captioned matter. Details of interview are set forth in enclosed FD-302.

Phoenix intends to locate and interview [redacted] after receipt of information from Seattle, relative to background information in Seattle investigative results.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/16/92

[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, telephone [redacted] was contacted at
her place of business and advised of the identity of the
interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. [redacted]
provided the following information:

[redacted] was [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona,
from [redacted] 1978 to [redacted] 1979, by [redacted] a
previous [redacted]

[redacted] did not [redacted] but was [redacted]
[redacted] because of his [redacted] He [redacted]
from [redacted] He was
very professional and did not speak with any particular accent.
[redacted] appeared to be educated and always wore a dark brown or
navy suit [redacted]

[redacted] was [redacted]
[redacted] and never spoke of family, friends, or offered any
background information regarding himself. [redacted] appeared to be
a lonely man. He always attended social gatherings by himself
and [redacted]
stated that [redacted] drove an older model car, but was unable to
recall the make or year. He was a heavy smoker and continued to
smoke [redacted] was unable to recall the brand
of cigarettes he smoked, but did state that the cigarettes were
very strong. He also had a smoker's cough.

[redacted] reviewed [redacted] and advised
that his Social Security Account Number (SSAN) was [redacted]
She further advised that [redacted] was known to [redacted]
[redacted] and recalls that he [redacted]
because of [redacted] although this information was not
reported [redacted] furnished the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) with a copy of [redacted]

Investigation on 4/10/92 at [redacted] Arizona File # 164A-SE-81

by SA [redacted] llr Date dictated 4/15/92

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

, On 4/10/92 , Page 2

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[REDACTED] statement regarding his

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[REDACTED] further commented on the limited amount of information [REDACTED] and stated that it was unusual for [REDACTED] personal information [REDACTED]

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The artist's conception of D. B. COOPER was shown to [REDACTED] and she indicated that the drawing looks alot like [REDACTED] was described by [REDACTED] as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Height | 5'8" |
| Weight | 160 |
| Complexion | Olive |
| Hair | Very dark brown, parted on the side, neat cut, Vitalis used |
| Eyes | Unable to recall color, wore dark-framed glasses with thick lenses |
| Voice | Authoritative, intelligent, no particular accent |
| Characteristics | Heavy cigarette smoker, thin lips, clean shaven |
| Wearing apparel | Dark brown or navy suit, dark shoes |

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/16/92

[redacted], date of birth (DOB) [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, telephone [redacted] was contacted at her place of business and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was [redacted] Arizona, from [redacted] 1978 to [redacted] 1979, by [redacted] a previous [redacted]

[redacted] did not [redacted] but was [redacted] because of his [redacted] He [redacted] from [redacted] He was very professional and did not speak with any particular accent. [redacted] appeared to be educated and always wore a dark brown or navy suit [redacted]

[redacted] was [redacted] and never spoke of family, friends, or offered any background information regarding himself. [redacted] appeared to be a lonely man. He always attended social gatherings by himself and [redacted] stated that [redacted] drove an older model car, but was unable to recall the make or year. He was a heavy smoker and continued to smoke [redacted] was unable to recall the brand of cigarettes he smoked, but did state that the cigarettes were very strong. He also had a smoker's cough.

[redacted] reviewed [redacted] and advised that his Social Security Account Number (SSAN) was [redacted] She further advised that [redacted] was known to [redacted] and recalls that he [redacted] because of [redacted] although this information was not reported [redacted] furnished the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) with a copy of [redacted]

Investigation on 4/10/92 at [redacted] Arizona File # 164A-SE-81

by SA [redacted] llr Date dictated 4/15/92

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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 8/22/90

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81) (RUC)

NORJACK
 (OO: Seattle)

Enclosed for Seattle are one photograph and two letters provided to Portland Division by [redacted]

During March, 1990, [redacted] River Pines, California, contacted the Portland Division and advised she had a photograph of an individual she believed looked like the hijacker of captioned case. Portland Division subsequently received a letter postmarked 3/22/90, which enclosed a photograph accompanying this communication.

By registered mail postmarked 8/9/90, [redacted] enclosed a two-page letter with a supposed explanation as to the identity of the individuals in the photograph. Due to the confused nature of the letter, Seattle Division may wish to place this letter in their NORJACK zero file.

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Date: 5/8/90

TO: SAC, SEATTLE
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJACK;
CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING;
OO: SEATTLE

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For information of Seattle, investigation was initiated on 12/10/89, when [redacted] California (CA), telephonically contacted the San Diego Division of the FBI and stated that on [redacted] eating dinner at [redacted] CA, when they were approached by a man claiming to be [redacted] further advised that the man appeared to live "on the street" and [redacted] He also acted sincere about being [redacted] Later, when a friend advised that [redacted] had been aired on "America's Most Wanted", [redacted] contacted the San Diego Office of the FBI. She stated that [redacted] could give more accurate information but that he was presently at work.

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Attempts to contact [redacted] were negative on 12/12/89.

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On 12/14/89, [redacted] telephonically advised that [redacted] went to dinner at the [redacted] on [redacted] He stated that they were approached by an individual who seemed depressed and disorientated. The individual [redacted] were about to enter the restaurant. He stated that this individual told him [redacted] [redacted] stated that the individual even [redacted] call the police, but [redacted] refused [redacted]

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[redacted] further added that the individual entered the [redacted] restaurant with them and remained there about [redacted] which the individual [redacted]

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[] described the individual as follows:

Sex: Male
Race: White
Age: 45-50 years
Height: 5'5" to 5'6"
Weight: 150-160 pounds
Miscellaneous: []

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On 12/14/89, [] Calexico Police Department, was contacted and requested to attempt to locate the individual that had contacted []

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[] Subsequently, contacts were maintained with [] on 12/18/89, 12/29/89, and 1/2/90, with negative results.

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[] stated that he had spoken to [] and obtained the information which he had made available to his fellow officers. [] stated that if they were to identify the individual fitting the description furnished by [] that he would interview him and furnish the results to the FBI.

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Subsequent contacts with [] and [] have failed to develop any more information on the above described individual.

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by San Diego and this matter is being placed in RUC status.

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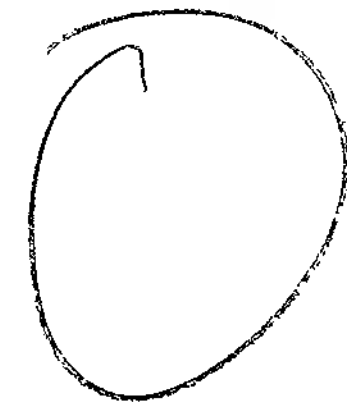
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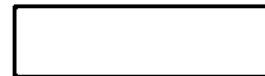
RE BOSTON AIRTEL TO THE DIRECTOR DATED 3/4/82.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SEATTLE, ON 6/3/90, AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON, OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION ABOARD DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 694 FROM DALLAS/FORT WORTH TO BOSTON BETWEEN THE OCCUPANT OF SEAT 22A AND TWO PERSONS OCCUPYING SEATS 21 A, B, AND C. THE MAN ASKED HIS COMPANIONS TO RECALL AN EVENT WHICH APPEARED TO BE CAPTIONED MATTER, AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE KNEW AND SOMETIMES HUNTED WITH THE PERPETRATOR'S SON IN BRITISH



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COLUMBIA. THE MAN FURTHER STATED THAT THE PERPETRATOR WAS ALIVE AND IN GOOD HEALTH AND MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH HIS (THE PERPETRATOR'S) SON.

DELTA AIRLINES CORPORATE SECURITY HAS ADVISED THAT THE OCCUPANT OF SEAT 22A ON THAT FLIGHT WAS [REDACTED] THE OCCUPANTS OF SEATS 21A AND 21B, RESPECTIVELY, WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] THE TICKETS WERE ORDERED BY [REDACTED] THROUGH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] THE PARTY TRAVELLED FROM BOSTON TO DALLAS/FORT WORTH ON DELTA FLIGHT 164 ON 5/29/90, AND RETURNED TO BOSTON ON 6/3/90.

UNSUB #1 (AKA [REDACTED] APPEARED KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE BOSTON AREA AS SEEN FROM THE AIR, AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS A [REDACTED]

REVIEW OF MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES FILES SHOWED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] WORCESTER, MA, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HOLDEN, MA, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HANOVER, MA, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TOWNSEND, MA, DOB [REDACTED]

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DRIVERS LICENSE []

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AND []

BOSTON INDICES SHOW ONE REFERENCE TO [] NOT FURTHER

DESCRIBED, DATED 4/70, [] THIS FILE WAS

DESTROYED 6/1/78.

LEADS:

NORFOLK DIVISION AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA:

WILL CONTACT [] NORFOLK, TELEPHONE []

[] RE DELTA TICKETS RESERVED [] ON

5/21/90. WILL OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE IDENTIFYING DATA AND FURNISH

SAME TO BOSTON TO FACILITATE LOCATION AND INTERVIEW OF []

BOSTON DIVISION AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

WILL CONTACT AUSA [] BOSTON, RE DETAILS OF

CONVERSATION INVOLVING UNSUB, AKA []

WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION BY NORFOLK,

IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW UNSUB, AKA [] RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF

CAPTIONED MATTER.

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INFO FBI SEATTLE (164-81)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3560:5164//

SUBJECT: NORJACK; OO: SEATTLE.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO NORFOLK, DATED JUNE 11, 1990.

ON JUNE 15, 1990, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA,

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

[REDACTED] IN BOSTON,

MASSACHUSETTS, NAME UNRECALLED, [REDACTED] FOR

Sub:

[REDACTED]

D.B. Cooper

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[REDACTED] HIS RECORDS REFLECT AN

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[REDACTED]
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THERE WAS AN NCN
CONVENTION (OFFICIAL NAME OF COMPANY UNKNOWN) IN DALLAS, TEXAS,
WHICH [REDACTED] WERE ATTENDING. HE DESCRIBED THE NCN
COMPANY AS A MULTI-LEVEL ORGANIZATION FOR TELEPHONE BUSINESS.

[REDACTED] PAID FOR HIS TICKETS WITH AN AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD.

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[REDACTED] USED A VISA CARD, NUMBER [REDACTED] WITH AN
EXPIRATION OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE
COMMUNICATION. [REDACTED] NEVER MET EITHER OF THE THREE
INDIVIDUALS, AND [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/22/90

[redacted] (protect identity) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Newport News, Virginia, telephone number
[redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] around the United States but was
not sure which [redacted]
[redacted] Rindge,
New Hampshire, or [redacted] no home address given.

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[redacted]
[redacted] and the [redacted] [redacted] who had purchased them
for himself, [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] showing a confirmation of
flights on DELTA Flight Number 169, for May 29, 1990, leaving
Boston, Massachusetts en route to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, for
seats 39B/39C/38D. The return flight was on DELTA Flight Number
694 leaving June 3, 1990, from Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, to
Boston, Massachusetts, departing 9:46 a.m. and arriving 2:35 p.m.
Seat reservations on this flight were for 21A/21B/22A. The total
airfare for the three, round-trip tickets was \$1,222.50.

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[redacted] airline tickets
dated May 14, 1990, for [redacted] in the amount of \$407.50 on
which [redacted] used a Visa card, Number [redacted] with an
expiration of [redacted]

[redacted] said there was an NCN (name unrecalled)
convention in Dallas, Texas, where [redacted] were
going. NCN is based in Phoenix, Arizona, and was described as a
multi-level type of organization for telephone company sales.

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By SA [redacted] *dlm* Date dictated 6/20/90

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Date of transcription 6/22/901

[redacted] (protect identity) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Newport News, Virginia, telephone number
[redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] around the United States but was
not sure which [redacted]
[redacted] Rindge,
New Hampshire, or [redacted] no home address given.

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[redacted] and the [redacted] who had purchased them
for himself, [redacted]

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[redacted] showing a confirmation of
flights on DELTA Flight Number 169, for May 29, 1990, leaving
Boston, Massachusetts en route to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, for
seats 39B/39C/38D. The return flight was on DELTA Flight Number
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multi-level type of organization for telephone company sales.

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By SA [redacted] dlm Date dictated 6/20/90

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A I R T E L

Date 6/27/90

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: ~~TELETYPE~~ SAC, NORFOLK (164C-SE-81) (RUC)

Sub [redacted] Son of
J. J. Cooper

NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Boston teletype to Norfolk dated 6/11/90, and
Norfolk teletype to Boston and Seattle dated 6/19/90.

Enclosed for the Seattle Division are the original and
one copy of an FD-302 of [redacted] on 6/18/90, [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] dated
5/14/90 for [redacted] in the amount of \$407.50.

Enclosed for the Boston Division are two copies of an
FD-302 of [redacted] on 6/18/90, [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] dated 5/14/90 for [redacted]
[redacted] in the amount of \$407.50.

Appropriate leads are being left to the discretion of
the Boston Division in further identifying [redacted] at
[redacted] Rindge, New Hampshire, and his association
with [redacted]. Leads are further being left to the Boston
Division to further identify [redacted] through appropriate Visa
sources and to interview [redacted] concerning the conversation that
was overheard aboard DELTA AIRLINES Flight 694 from
Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, to Boston, Massachusetts, between [redacted]
and [redacted].

No further investigation is being conducted in the
Norfolk Division, and this matter is considered RUC'd.

② - Seattle (164-81) (Enc. ④) *revd JF*
2 - Boston (164-153) (Enc. ④)
1 - Norfolk
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Date of transcription 4/10/92

[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, telephone number
[redacted] contacted the FBI office telephonically and
provided the following information:

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[redacted]
[redacted] She also advised that [redacted] worked for a
[redacted] that is located [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, approximately [redacted] years ago, for [redacted]
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Investigation on 4/3/92 at Phoenix, Arizona File # 164A-SE-81-9116
(telephonically)

by SA [redacted] llr Date dictated 4/9/92

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/10/92

[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, telephone number
[redacted] contacted the FBI office telephonically and
provided the following information:

[redacted]
[redacted] She also advised that [redacted] worked for a
[redacted] that is located [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, approximately [redacted] years ago, for [redacted]
[redacted]

Investigation on 4/3/92 at Phoenix, Arizona File # 61-64A-SE-81-9116
(telephonically)

by SA [redacted] :llr Date dictated 4/9/92
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[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, telephone number
[redacted] was recontacted at her place of residence for
further details regarding [redacted] was able
to locate the only photograph [redacted]
[redacted] in the past [redacted] years, and provided same to FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION (FBI).

Investigation on 4/6/92 at [redacted] Arizona File # 164A-SE-81-9117
by SA [redacted] /CAS:llr Date dictated 4/9/92

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/10/92

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[redacted] Arizona, telephone number
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[redacted] in the past [redacted] years, and provided same to FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION (FBI).

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Investigation on 4/6/92 at [redacted] Arizona File # 164A-SE-81-9117
by SA [redacted] /CAS:llr Date dictated 4/9/92

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[redacted] Date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, telephone
number [redacted] was contacted at her place of residence
for further details regarding [redacted] was
advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose
of the interview and supplied the following information:

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
date of birth [redacted] approximately [redacted] years ago,
while residing at [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona. Shortly thereafter, [redacted]

Several years ago, [redacted] while under the
influence of alcohol, told [redacted] that he had [redacted]
[redacted] Since
that time, [redacted] has avoided contact with [redacted]
and expressed [redacted] that he fears being
caught by the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI).

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[redacted]
[redacted] presently reside [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona [redacted]
telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised [redacted] located
on [redacted]
[redacted] has a violent temper, [redacted]
[redacted] that he keep accessible.

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[redacted] served in the UNITED STATES ARMY when
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Investigation on 4/2/92 at [redacted] ARIZONA File # 164A-SE-81-9118

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SAs [redacted] mn
by [redacted] /CAS:mh Date dictated 4/3/92

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 4/2/92, Page 2

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[redacted]

[redacted] has previously resided in [redacted] and [redacted]

The artist's conception of D.B. COOPER was shown to [redacted] and she indicated that the drawing had a strong resemblance to [redacted] when he was younger. [redacted] also stated that she had [redacted] and would gladly provide it to the FBI, if found. [redacted] was described by [redacted] as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 180 pounds |
| Build | Medium |
| Hair | Black and gray |
| Complexion | Olive |
| Miscellaneous | [redacted] |

The DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV), NCIC, and CCH checks were negative for [redacted]

[redacted] has a current Arizona driver's license that was issued on [redacted]. A DMV check confirmed [redacted] address as [redacted] Arizona.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/13/92

[redacted] Date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona, telephone
number [redacted] was contacted at her place of residence
for further details regarding [redacted] was
advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose
of the interview and supplied the following information:

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[redacted] Since
that time, [redacted] has avoided contact with [redacted]
and expressed [redacted] that he fears being
caught by the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI).

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[redacted]
[redacted] presently reside [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona [redacted]
telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised [redacted] located
on [redacted]
[redacted] has a violent temper, [redacted]
[redacted] that he keep accessible.

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[redacted] served in the UNITED STATES ARMY when
[redacted]

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b7DInvestigation on 4/2/92 at [redacted] ARIZONAFile # 164A-SE-81-9118
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by SAS [redacted]
[redacted] CAS:mhDate dictated 4/3/92b6
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 4/10/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (P)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and two copies each of three separate FD-302s re interviews of [redacted] on 4/2/92, 4/3/92, and 4/6/92. Also enclosed is one photograph of [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed subsequent to a telcall received 2/26/92 by the Public Assistance Duty Agent, Phoenix, Arizona, from [redacted] provided information [redacted] the captioned subject. Details of interviews set forth in enclosed FD-302s.

It should be noted that the enclosed photograph was taken approximately in the year 1981.

Phoenix intends to locate and interview [redacted] after receipt of information from Seattle, relative to background information and Seattle investigative results.

(2) - Seattle (Enc. 10) R.C.C.
 2 - Phoenix
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CAS:llr

LEAD:

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Conduct appropriate investigation to obtain
background information on [REDACTED] and consider
[REDACTED] as a suspect in captioned matter.

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FM FBI NEW ORLEANS (164A-81) (P)

TO FBI SEATTLE/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3530:SQUAD 5//

SUBJECT: NORJAK OO: SEATTLE.

REFERENCE SEATTLE AIRTEL TO NEW ORLEANS DATED JANUARY 23,
1990.

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION HAS SEARCHED MANUAL INDICES AND
FOIMS AND CAN LOCATE NO REFERENCE TO CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION.
SEATTLE IS REQUESTED TO RESUBMIT SEATTLE AIRTEL DATED AUGUST 10,
1989 TO NEW ORLEANS AT WHICH TIME NEW ORLEANS WILL EXPEDITIOUSLY
COVER LEAD REQUESTED.

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Date 4/24/92

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (164A-136)
FROM : SAC, seattle (164A-81) (P)
SUBJECT : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re suspect [redacted] Sacramento's letter to Seattle dated 5/17/89; Seattle's airtel to New Orleans dated 8/10/89; Seattle's airtel to New Orleans dated 1/23/90 and New Orleans teletype to Seattle dated 2/9/90.

Enclosed for the New Orleans division are copies of referenced communications.

LEAD:NEW ORLEANS DIVISIONAT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Will attempt to identify [redacted] at PETROL TRUCK. If [redacted] can be identified, obtain background and descriptive information to process [redacted] as a NORJAK suspect.

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3 - Seattle
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Date 11/13/90

1 TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-81)

2 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (C-1) (C)

3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
4 OO:PORTLAND

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DB Cooper

[redacted] Source

5 For the information of the Portland Division, on
 6 10/24/90, while receiving telephone calls at the
 7 telecommunication center for the NBC television series "Unsolved
 8 Mysteries", SA [redacted] of the Los Angeles Division
 9 was contacted by [redacted] of Norwalk,
 10 Ohio, telephone number [redacted]

11 [redacted] advised that on 10/21/90, while in a restaurant,
 12 he met a man identified as (FNU) [redacted] who claimed to be the
 13 brother of D.B. COOPER. [redacted] described [redacted] as 5'8" to
 14 5'9", 160-165 pounds, 65-69 years old with greying hair. [redacted]
 15 stated his brothers' initials are D.B. and he acquired the
 16 nickname [redacted] while, [redacted] could not recall) in either the
 17 82nd or the 84th airborne. [redacted] advised that his brother is
 18 currently a skydiver and may have recently [redacted]
 19 [redacted] stated his brother is familiar with airplanes
 20 with rear doors and he believes he is currently in the mid-west
 21 working in an [redacted]

[redacted] claimed he [redacted]
 JESSE JAMES.

[redacted] and [redacted] ended their brief conversation when
 [redacted] learned [redacted] acquired
 no further information about [redacted]

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Date 10/18/91

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) (PRIORITY)
 SAC, PORTLAND (164-) (PRIORITY)
 SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-A-0220) (PRIORITY)
 SAC, SEATTLE (164-A-81) (PRIORITY)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (164-A-402) (P) (GMRA)

SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 C.A.A. - HIJACKING
 (00:SEATTLE)

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ARMED & DANGEROUS

Re: Seattle Airtel to Bureau 1/23/90.
 NK telcalls to San Francisco 7/13/91

For information of the Bureau and receiving offices,
 the following is a summary of the investigation conducted by
 the Newark Division in regard to suspect [redacted]

On 4/29/87 [redacted] Sparta, New Jersey, advised
 that in the summer of 1985 she needed someone to do repair
 work around her house as she had just broken up with her ex-
 boyfriend [redacted] described her ex-boyfriend
 [redacted] who was always telling stories
 about his alleged wartime activities as a [redacted] in
 Vietnam.

2 - Bureau
 2 - Portland
 2 - San Francisco
 ② - Seattle
 2 - Quantico (Attn: Behavioral Science Unit)
 2 - Newark

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[] advised that she saw an advertisement in a local newspaper for an individual that did [] work. [] called the telephone number that was in the newspaper and left a message on the answering machine that she was interested in hiring a handyman. [] advised that the telephone number she called in 1985 was []

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[] advised that in response to her message on the answering machine an individual by the name of [] (LNU) contacted her and stated that he does [] [] advised that she hired [] (LNU) and gave him directions to her house.

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[] advised that [] (LNU) worked around her house for approximately [] and during this time they would engage in casual conversation. [] in one of the conversations told [] (LNU) about her ex-boyfriend, [] and that he was a [] in Vietnam and had been in a lot of battles and had won some medals.

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[] advised that in response to this, [] (LNU) told her that [] and that he []

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[] (LNU) stated that [] and fought in those battles.

[] asked [] (LNU) how he knew those things and [] then told her that he, [] had been in the military and had received specialized training.

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According to [] was not bragging about himself and was very low key when he spoke of his own military experience.

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In a subsequent casual conversation, [] asked [] if she heard of the incident years ago where a guy jumped from an airplane with a lot of money and got away with it. [] told her that []

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[] stated that she recalled the incident from either seeing a movie or reading a book. [] then []

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[] keeping in mind all the false bragging that her ex-boyfriend did about his exploits.

[] advised that in response to this [] sort of smiled and said that whoever did that would have to have had a specialized training like the training that he, [] received

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in the military. [] also told her that whoever it was, would have to be able to survive in the [] and would have to be very smart.

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[] stated that when [] told her this, he was not bragging and he was very calm. [] stated that [] spoke of these things in the third person and it seemed to her that he just wanted to share a secret.

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[] then asked [] and []

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[] stated that [] then commented that he, [] could say that it was him or he did it and no one, including the police, would ever believe him.

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[] thought that [] was kidding and that neither she or [] ever brought up the topic again.

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[] advised that this conversation with [] always bothered her, especially the low key way in which he mentioned the incident.

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[] advised that she could not remember [] last name, but that it began with the letter [] described [] as follows:

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Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 6'
Weight: 200 lbs.
Age: 45
Hair: Light brown hair thinning on top,
high forehead with receding hairline,
balding in back.
Face: Full beard; rugged face; no glasses
Voice: [] spoke with a [] accent.
Misc: Intelligent, very self-confident, former
military service, possibly a pilot as he knew
a lot about airplanes, low key and calm demeanor.
Tel: []

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Investigation in regard to [] determined that this number was disconnected and was no longer in service. A review of the 1984 Coles telephone number directory determined that telephone number [] was listed to [] [] Rockaway, N.J. Also listed for [] at that address in 1984 was telephone number [] A check of

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the 1986 New Jersey Bell Telephone directory determined that telephone number [redacted] was still disconnected, but that telephone [redacted] was listed to [redacted] Denville, N.J.

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A review of the computerized N.J. Department of Motor Vehicles' records for all individuals having the last name that began with the letter [redacted] determined that a [redacted] white, male, DOB: [redacted] residing at [redacted] Denville, N.J., held a valid New Jersey driver's license.

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A review of the FBI Identification Division arrest records revealed that [redacted] DOB: [redacted] POB: [redacted] SOC [redacted] had been assigned FBI [redacted] This arrest record disclosed that [redacted] has been arrested a total of eight times for [redacted] and [redacted] It is noted that two of these arrests were by the Sheriff's Dept., Clark County, Vancouver, Washington, on [redacted] and [redacted] This record also revealed that [redacted] was fingerprinted by the U.S. Army on [redacted]

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A review of [redacted] military personnel file disclosed that he was in the U.S. Army from [redacted] to [redacted] at which time he received an undesirable discharge. While in the Army, [redacted] was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky and was a qualified parachute jumper.

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Investigation at Denville, N.J. determined that [redacted] Denville, N.J. is the former address of [redacted] and [redacted] Inquiry at the Denville, N.J. Police Department determined that on [redacted] a [redacted] [redacted] This report indicated that [redacted] returned to California after [redacted] and that the whereabouts of [redacted] was unknown. The Denville P.D. had a valid arrest warrant outstanding for [redacted]

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At the request of the Newark Division, the Denville P.D. entered [redacted] into NCIC on the basis of their arrest warrant. The purpose of this was to attempt to determine the current location of [redacted]

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On [redacted] [redacted] was stopped by the Washington State Patrol in Clark County, Vancouver, Washington, for a [redacted] Due to the NCIC entry [redacted] was arrested and detained at the Clark County Jail.

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Upon being informed of [] arrest, a bureau agent from the Seattle Division was assigned to interview [] under the pretext of the outstanding New Jersey Fugitive charges. The purpose of the interview was to obtain his background information and photograph.

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During the interview, [] advised that he was currently living in Battleground, Washington, with []

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[] advised that he first lived in the Vancouver, Washington, area in 1965 and stayed there until 1967 or early 1967 when he returned to North Dakota. In late 1967 he moved back to the Battleground-Vancouver area and lived and worked in that immediate area as a [] since 1974 when he moved to the San Francisco Bay area.

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After moving to San Francisco in 1974 he met [] [] married [] in Menlo Park, CA, and remained there [] While working in Redwood City, CA in 1980 he met [] and [] lived in San Francisco until 1982 at which time they moved to New Jersey. They remained in New Jersey []

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Investigation has determined that [] was [] and that he [] met [] in North Dakota and then moved with her to the Vancouver, Washington area in 1965. [] was married to [] until approximately [] is believed to still reside in the Vancouver, Washington, area and has never been interviewed in regard to captioned matter.

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[] was released from local police custody on 5/21/87 when New Jersey authorities failed to extradite him on the theft charges.

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On 9/23/87 [] was located and interviewed in Folsom, CA in regard to []

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[] provided background information regarding how she met [] and [] and []

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Concerning the possibility that [] might be identical to "D.B. Cooper", [] recalled that [] seemed to have a great and continuing interest in the folklore surrounding "D.B. Cooper". [] advised that [] was an avid fisherman and hunter and told her he was very familiar with the Mt. St. Helen's area of Washington. According to [] always read a

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lot and paid attention to the media comments and stories about D.B. Cooper. She herself never went with [] on any of his trips to the Pacific Northwest. [] did tell her that he spent time in the 101st Airborne Division of the Army and that he did "night jumps" while in Europe.

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According to [] smoked heavily and then quit in 1984. [] smoked filter cigarettes such as Kent's. She did not know if he smoked Raleigh's. As a result of his smoking habit he had the usual stained teeth and fingers.

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[] also commented that [] always seemed "fascinated" about the D.B. Cooper legend, but he never initiated the conversation about it, but he always seemed to have a quick answer to whatever was brought up about the case. [] sometimes bragged to her about a friend of his that owned an airplane.

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On 11/24/87 [] was displayed the [] arrest photo of [] and the 1971 sketch of "D.B. Cooper" and she advised that there was an "uncanny strong resemblance" between the two.

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On 11/27/90 after extensive investigation, [] was located by the Newark Division and was interviewed at her office in Woodbury, New York. [] was advised that the purpose of the interview was to obtain general background information on []. [] was not told that this interview was related to captioned matter.

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[] then advised that she was the [] and was married to him from []. [] first met [] in late 1972 when she was attending college in Portland, Oregon. [] was introduced to [] by [] (PH) who worked for a local construction company. Prior to her marriage, [] was married to [] of Vancouver, Washington.

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[] then provided extensive background information concerning []. [] advised that [] was a [] but formerly worked for a gold mine company in South Dakota. [] had a deep voice with a slight [] accent. [] was a heavy smoker and preferred Raleigh and Marlboro cigarettes. (It is noted that "D.B. Cooper" smoked Raleigh cigarettes during the hijacking). [] liked to drink both beer and hard liquor and subsequently became an alcoholic.

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[] advised that [] liked bear hunting and salmon fishing and often went to the Mt. St. Helen's area. [] possessed at least two rifles and one handgun. On one occasion []

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[] told her that he was in the U.S. Army for two years and that he was in the Airborne Division. [] told her that he received parachute training at Fort Campbell, KY and was on call during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

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[] described [] as [] and [] always felt that he was smarter than everyone else and that he was above the law and that no one would catch him if he did something wrong. [] favorite television shows were action type shows and police-type shows. [] liked the movies, []

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[] was then displayed the 19761 artist drawing of UNSUB, aka "D.B. Cooper". (It is noted that no name or other information was attached to this drawing). Immediately upon viewing the drawing [] commented [] referring to [] stated that the drawing was a []

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[] advised that upon viewing the artist's drawing of the unsub depicted wearing sunglasses, she recalled that [] always wore sun glasses when he was driving. [] was requested to recontact the Newark Division if she recalled anything else.

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On 12/4/90 [] voluntarily contacted the Newark case agent and stated that she recalled additional information about []

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[] advised that [] liked to drink liquor with the brand name "V.O." [] was also a very rugged individual that would be capable of surviving in the woods.

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[] advised that she also recalled that [] was very interested in the "D.B. Cooper Case". [] advised that for some reason [] "identified" himself with "D.B. Cooper".

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[] advised that [] seemed pleased with the fact that "D.B. Cooper" got away with the hijacking and that no one was hurt. [] stated that at one time, [] told her that no parachute was ever found.

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[] advised that apparently [] resembled a drawing of D.B. Cooper. [] was never told that the drawing she was shown on 11/27/90 was the D.B. Cooper composite). [] explained that occasionally she and [] would go out socially and some of his friends would sometimes kid him about resembling the drawing of D.B. Cooper, and pointing out the fact that he [] could also parachute because of his military training.

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[] advised that [] would respond to the suggestion that he is D.B. Cooper by saying [] or []

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[] advised that [] never told her or anyone else to her knowledge that he was in fact "D.B. Cooper" and committed the hijacking.

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On 1/7-9/91 the Newark Division case agent, who is also a bureau pilot, reviewed all the original files in regard to this matter at FBIHQ. These files contained extensive information regarding the characteristics and physical abilities of the unsub, as well as an excellent re-construction of the route of the aircraft when it was hi-jacked and the most probable point where the hi-jack bailed out with the money. The geographic and local maps in the file indicate that the most probable point of bail out was in Clark County, Washington, just southeast of La Center, Washington.

It is noted that when a pilot's aeronautical chart is superimposed over this area, the point of bail out is in extremely close proximity to the "Portland Vortac" which is used for aircraft navigation. It is further noted that Battleground, Washington is less than five miles from the "Portland Vortac".

As noted above, [] lived in Battleground, Washington, during the time of the hijacking and was very familiar with the ground terrain and basic aircraft navigation. It is possible that the hijacked airplane, literally flew over [] house or close proximity to it.

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[] is a parachute jumper, that bears a strong resemblance to D.B. Cooper and at the time smoked Raleigh Filter cigarettes. [] at the time was extremely familiar with the Portland-Seattle area and lived in Battleground, Washington when the hijacking occurred. [] over the years has expressed an avid interest in the case.

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Investigation by the Newark Division had determined that [redacted] has California driver's license number [redacted] under his true name at [redacted] San Jose, California. On [redacted] [redacted] was arrested by the Santa Clara P.D. for [redacted] When the arresting officer asked [redacted] where he [redacted] replied, "at the wedding reception". It is possible that [redacted] is now married to [redacted]

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On 10/16/91 it was determined that [redacted] had been living at [redacted] San Jose, CA, [redacted] but that he recently moved out, but was still in the local area.

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In view of the above information, and the fact that November 24, 1991 is the 20th anniversary of the hijacking, it is felt that this would be the opportune time to conduct a strategic comprehensive interview and if possible, a polygraph examination of [redacted] to determine if he is or is not "D.B. COOPER".

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Request of the Bureau

1. Bureau authority is requested to allow Newark Division SA's [redacted] and [redacted] to travel to San Jose, California to interview [redacted] on or about 11/24/91. Both SA's [redacted] and [redacted] are intimately familiar with all details of the aircraft hijacking and background of [redacted]

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Leads

San Francisco Division

at San Jose, CA

1. Will discretely attempt to determine the current address, employment, marital status and activities of [redacted] in order that he can be interviewed on 11/24/91.

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2. Will attempt to develop additional background information and associates of [redacted]

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Seattle Division

at Vancouver, Washington

1. Will locate and interview [redacted] and any other known associate of [redacted] after [redacted] is interviewed by Newark Agents.

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Quantico At Quantico

Behavioral Science Unit is requested to review this information in preparation for a telephonic contact from Newark regarding interview technique and suggestions.

Newark Division

at Garret Mountain Resident Agency

1. Will prepare for interview and polygraph of
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Date 9/24/90

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (164A-402) (P) (GMRA)

SUBJECT: NORJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed herewith for the Seattle Division are the following items regarding [redacted] NORJACK SUSPECT

1. One copy of a black and white arrest photo of suspect [redacted] taken [redacted] by [redacted] the sheriff's department, Vancouver, Washington. *EXTREME HANDLING REQUIRED*
2. One copy of a black and white California driver's license photo of suspect [redacted] taken in 1989.

For information of the Seattle Division, the Newark Division still considers [redacted] to be a viable suspect in regard to captioned matter, and is currently attempting to locate and interview [redacted]

The Newark Division will keep the Seattle Division advised of any pertinent information.

LEADSNEWARK

AT WEST PATERSON, NEW JERSEY: Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted]

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Date 12/15/89

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM : SAC, DALLAS (164-0) (C)
 SUBJECT : D. B. COOPER;
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -
 CONFIRMED HIGH JACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

Sub J: misc. persons

On December 8, 1989, former [] source [] advised that while [] he had []
 [] Through this activity, he had learned that D. B. COOPER had assumed the identity of []
 [] Lighthouse Point, Florida, [] would not reveal the identity of the [] did not have further details.

Dallas advises that former [] [] has furnished volumes of information, a great deal of which can not be verified. For the most part, information provided has been of questionable value and often was of the character of [] Much of the information that could be verified, and was proven to be accurate, was dated material with no present day validity.

The above uncollaborated information is provided to Seattle Division for appropriate action. Informational copy provided to Miami Division due to Lighthouse Point address.

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 1-Dallas
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Date 4/2/90

To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 From : SAC, MIAMI (164A-SE-81) (C-3) RUC
 Subject: D. B. COOPER
 CAA-CONFIRMED HIJACKING
 (OO: SEATTLE)

SUB JIMISC REASONS

Re Dallas airtel to Seattle and Miami, 12/15/89.

On 3/29/90, [redacted] Lighthouse Point, Florida, was interviewed re captioned matter.

[redacted] advised that he was convicted on a [redacted] and spent from [redacted] in Federal prison in Seigelsville, Texas. [redacted] is presently on Federal probation and advised his probation officer is [redacted] Fort Lauderdale, Florida. [redacted] emphatically denied being identical to subject in captioned matter and it was obvious from [redacted] physical description and the interview that they are not identical.

The following is a physical description of [redacted]

Name: [redacted]
 DOB: [redacted]
 Height: 5'6"
 Weight: 120 pounds
 Hair: Blond
 Scar: [redacted]
 Address: [redacted]
 Pompano Beach, Florida

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 1 - Dallas
 1 - Miami
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Date 10/3/90

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-244)
 FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (164A-OC-49813) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CAA - HIJACKING (A)
 OO: SEATTLE

Sus J. Misc. persons

CLIENT OF [REDACTED] WANTS REWARD

On 7/19/90, [REDACTED] Atoka, Oklahoma, contacted the Durant FBI, stating that a client of his (name refused) had information regarding above-captioned case. The client wished to remain anonymous but could provide information on the case, to include the identity of D. B. COOPER, his whereabouts and the location of a portion of the money.

The unidentified client refused to disseminate any information until he was sure he would receive a substantial reward for the information.

On 8/17/90, [REDACTED] was told that the reward offered was a percentage of the money returned. [REDACTED] advised that his client was only interested in a large sum of money, and as most of the money was already spent by D. B. COOPER that he does not feel that his client will come forth with any pertinent information.

[REDACTED] has since refused to return telephone calls made to his office and has not contacted the FBI since 8/17/90.

Inasmuch as no pertinent information was obtained and witness refused to cooperate with the investigation this matter is considered closed.

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 1 - Oklahoma City
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[redacted] Date of Birth, [redacted] Colorado, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, which was to obtain information concerning her telephone call to the Denver FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Office on July 10, 1990. In this call, [redacted] related that [redacted] she has known him that he is the individual known as D.B. COOPER who allegedly committed a hijacking many years ago.

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[redacted] advised that she [redacted] Date of Birth, [redacted] in [redacted] His real name, [redacted] was changed when he [redacted] and, to [redacted] knowledge, he has always used the name [redacted] She related that [redacted] has claimed to be D.B. COOPER since [redacted] He is currently incarcerated in the FREMONT COUNTY JAIL for [redacted] with a one-half million dollar bond. He also has pending charges of [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] She advised she is coming forward with the information on his D.B. COOPER identity now because she wants him to [redacted]

[redacted] She further explained that [redacted] before now.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] told her he used the name D.B. COOPER at the time of the hijacking because [redacted] and [redacted] it was him. He acquired this [redacted] because of his [redacted] told her the [redacted] and in no way could have been detonated.

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[redacted] related that in [redacted] never swayed in his story of the hijacking and was almost obsessed with this identity. To her knowledge, [redacted] a friend, and [redacted] were the only other people who knew about [redacted] identity. It would [redacted] ever made reference to it, but generally he found a lot of pleasure in bragging about it. Shortly before he went to jail, [redacted] had been for months

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Investigation on 8/6/90 at [redacted] CO File # 164A-SE-81-9128
by SA [redacted] tmp Date dictated 8/7/90

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Date 10/2/90

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJACK
 4 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Seattle are:

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 6 (1) Original and one copy of FD-302 detailing results
 of interview of [redacted] DOB [redacted] on 8/6/90

7 (2) 1A envelope containing original interview notes

8 (3) Photocopy of photograph of [redacted] DOB

9 [redacted]
 10 [redacted] interviewee [redacted] alleges that [redacted]
 11 [redacted] is D. B. COOPER, via telephone complaint to the
 Denver Division on 7/10/90.

12 Unless otherwise advised by Seattle, no further
 13 investigation by Denver is being conducted at this time.

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 20 1 - Denver
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HERE GOES

After D.B. Cooper and Watergate was in its beginning, I was known as [redacted] b6 b7C
to the Acid Freaks which led to Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, which led to CIA and the phony fail safe that Nixon set up with the Code of the Boston Strangler deaths. Yes Nixon had ties to the Boston DA's Office, to get correct times of deaths and the ME's also to fix ties to days of death and give a story to the whole nation so to put into a Code of his own. Example - speed limit 55

Oh, if you wonder about the Code of the Boston Strangler Case. Yes I did Break it down, as I written to [redacted] b6 b7C

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I was so close to the top, that
when I ran from the grip of death, no
one followed. I know what I saw ~~the~~
and I saw what I know! For many
years now I've been writing down
information about the developments of the
CIA connected to Organized Crime and
the Black Market via Iran Contra
arms sale via drug lords under the
supervision of the Third Reich. And
Mr. George Bush and his connections
to JFK via CIA and DB Cooper and
Watergate and many deaths [in Code]
to hide as the Black Hand via mafia
under Extortion against innocent people!
Yes, I did Break the Code of the Boston
Stranglers and this will lead to many

government officials. Including police,
judges, lawyers via DA's and ME's.

Example

E = 2 5 11 14 19 21 22 23

I guess I'll just keep on writing down
what fail safe gives me via money number
and letters. And the Holy spirit guides
numbers and letters through names on
Ball players, movie actors, and numbers
and letters I see on T.V. etc!

If By chance you would like me to
explain the Code and how it affects the
politicians and deaths of victims who
have the right age or address or phone
number or social security number SSF HQ
for many Traitors. I would love to get
more information on the victims in the

following cases.

Boston Strangler, DB Cooper hijack
passenger list. Atlanta missing Boys
relatives. Green River murder victims
and relatives. San Diego serial killers
victims and relatives + Boy friends?

The Big One. Savings and Loan
scandal. Yes the Code I broke given
the Bookkeepers alot of numbers to
change and the victims are using
this to laundry drug money or get
paid off for corruption in our system!

I feel that the 500 Billion should be about
200 million if the books are examined and
the Code developed to erase the fraud
numbers. Neither Reagan or Bush are
investigating. I wonder why!

Another thing that should be mentioned
The Code which was developed from the death
in Boston Strangler 1962 63 64 has reached
out to the West Coast and wants the
criminals of such crime to do more
deaths to erase fail safe for good.

I await this for I built a better
and higher fail safe. Should planes,
ford, H₂O, and money become the
Bosses of the Crime of death Code. I
will have to become a leader of many
followers which could mean being a
GODFATHER.

P.S. I think I know who they are and I did
set a trap for them and the traitors
FBI, CIA, Secret Service, and government officials

THANK YOU

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I am tired of being dumb, to hide
from the corruption and drug dealers

Could I be wrong But what
if I am right, time told

Starting time 1970 Nixon hide from
Reagan's. Southern Comfort

Fail Safe 1962. person walks
through steel wall, yes I saw the
machine and the person was not
white. (Chapel) ? What was he ?

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Date 2/13/90

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM *D.C.F.* SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 OO; SEATTLE

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 6 Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 1/12/90.

7 On 2/13/90, [redacted] Klamath Falls, Oregon,
 8 Police Department, advised he had no opinion regarding the
 9 possibility that [redacted] was identical to the UNSUB in this
 10 investigation. He said the information he learned about [redacted]
 originally came from [redacted] Klamath
 Falls, Oregon.

11 On 2/13/90, [redacted] was interviewed, and in addition
 12 to the information previously furnished to [redacted] he
 13 advised that [redacted] was married to a woman named [redacted] and he
 14 had been a [redacted] in Klamath Falls, Oregon.
 He advised he had no idea where the company, [redacted]
 [redacted] was located in Montana, but he believed [redacted] was
 residing near that company.

15 On 2/13/90, contact with the [redacted]
 16 [redacted] Salem, Oregon, determined [redacted] had an [redacted]
 17 [redacted] and in 1984 his address was on [redacted]
 [redacted] Darby, Montana. Telephonic contacts determined [redacted]
 [redacted] was located in Hamilton, Montana, just north

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of Darby, Montana. The personnel clerk advised on 2/13/90 she had no record of [] ever being employed there. There was no telephone listing for [] in Darby, Montana.

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On 2/13/90, credit and arrest checks at Klamath County, Oregon, concerning [] were negative.

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On 2/13/90, contact with the tax assessors office, Klamath County, Oregon, determined [] had a number of [] and the last known address on file for them was [] Home, Washington.

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On 2/13/90 the long distance information operator confirmed that [] had telephone number []

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SEATTLE DIVISION

AT HOME, WASHINGTON

If it is considered necessary that [] be eliminated as a suspect in this case, will conduct the appropriate investigation at [] for that purpose.

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Date 3/2/90

1 TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK [redacted]
 4 OO: SEATTLE

5 Re subject [redacted] (phonetic) ("Unsolved
 6 Mysteries" lead), [redacted] re Seattle airtel to
 Pittsburgh dated 8/7/89.

7 Referenced communication requested investigation at
 8 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to contact [redacted] telephone
 9 number [redacted] To date, Seattle has not received results
 of that investigation. Pittsburgh is requested to forward to
 10 Seattle the results of investigation at Pittsburgh so that this
 matter might be brought to a logical conclusion.

11 ARMED AND DANGEROUS

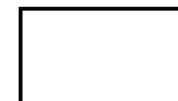
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Date 9/25/90

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM *EFG* SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 4 CAA - HIJACKING
 5 (OO: SE)

Sub:

6 Re telephone conversation between case Agent and lead
 7 Agent on 9/26/90; and Salt Lake City airtel to Seattle, dated
 8 4/20/90.

9 The following is a summary of the investigation
 10 conducted in Salt Lake City and Layton, Utah:

11 On 9/12/90, the investigating Agent contacted
 12 in Layton, Utah. stated he has no knowledge
 13 of and could provide no information on the
 14 captioned subject. Additional attempts to locate other persons
 15 by the name of in Salt Lake City and Layton,
 16 Utah, proved unsuccessful. In view of the fact that all logical
 17 investigation has been completed and no additional leads
 18 developed, this case is RUC.

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Date 2/16/90

TO: SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-SE-81-647) (RUC)

RE: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re: Seattle airtel dated 1/23/90.

On 2/15/90, a check of records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Sacramento, reflected the following information:

Driver's License [redacted] concerning [redacted]
 dob: [redacted] described as male, brown hair, green eyes, 5'10", 170 pounds, residence: [redacted] South Lake Tahoe.

Driver's License [redacted] concerning [redacted]
 address as of 10/17/79: [redacted] West Upland.
 Described as male, brown hair, green eyes, 5'10", 180 pounds, dob: [redacted]

On 2/16/90, a check of records of the Pacific Bell Telephone Company reflected telephone number [redacted] is a disconnected number. This number was subscribed to by [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Centerville, Tennessee:

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Attempts to locate [redacted] at Centerville, Tennessee, were negative until March 12, 1990.

On March 12, 1990, [redacted]
[redacted] Centerville, Tennessee, advised as follows:

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She previously had telephone number [redacted]. She currently has telephone number [redacted]. She did watch a program in the fall of 1989 known as "Unsolved Mysteries" and telephonically contacted the telephone number listed on that show about an individual she knows in Centerville.

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She has only met the individual known to her as ROBERT ROBERTS, aka Bob, on one occasion. However, she has had several telephonic conversations with him. He resides in a house on Arnold Street, Centerville, Tennessee. She believes ROBERTS has lived in Centerville approximately 18 months. She had a girlfriend who had met ROBERTS. ROBERTS apparently got [redacted] telephone number from the girlfriend and called [redacted] one evening. He apparently first contacted her by mistake thinking he was calling the girlfriend. This would have been several months ago. Through her telephonic conversations with ROBERTS, and from her girlfriend, she ascertained that ROBERTS came to Centerville, Tennessee, from California. He was divorced from his wife and family. He appeared to be agitated about the divorce and ROBERTS had moved to Tennessee. ROBERTS, at one time or another, has claimed he was in the U.S. Air Force and/or Navy and has jumped from airplanes or has been a parachutist. He even claimed he hurt his toes in a parachute drop and cannot straighten his toes. He alluded on one occasion as to his previous wife being from somewhere in Tennessee. He seems to be a rather strange individual, has no visible means of support, and is always talking about various jobs he had in the past, and she wondered about his background.

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She recalled on one occasion she asked him about his money and he told her his wife had obtained his money when she divorced him. On one occasion, he even claimed he had \$200,000.00 that he could not touch and could not use the money. However, ROBERTS was always coming up with some wild story and she really did not know when he was telling the truth or trying to "put one over on her". On one occasion, her friend was having

an affair and her companion somewhat knew ROBERTS. ROBERTS had allowed her friend and her companion to use his basement as a place to meet. Her friend said ROBERTS had been known to take photographs or perhaps even movies and perhaps was involved in some type of [redacted] Her friend wondered if ROBERTS was not secretly filming anyone that he might let borrow his basement.

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ROBERTS was always telling her things and [redacted] was not sure if he was telling the truth or making up stories. She had told ROBERTS she was going to watch the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" and ROBERTS had told her not to watch the following week. That was the week she had seen the episode on D. B. COOPER. She had read the book about D. B. COOPER and his hijacking of the airplane back in 1971. She had then begun to think about it after he numerous talks with ROBERTS and his strange actions and thought he might somehow be involved or might be that individual.

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She described ROBERTS as follows:

| | |
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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Age | About 70 years old |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Build | Heavy |
| Hair | Grey, balding |

To be very truthful, [redacted] would not have thought much about it other than the fact that ROBERTS had brought up the \$200,000.00 and because he acts so strange and tells so many tales, she put the two together and thought he perhaps could be a suspect.

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Date 3/23/90

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (164A-SE-81) *for RUC*
 SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 OO: SEATTLE

ROBERT ROBERTS
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Re Memphis airtel, 11/6/89.

Enclosed for Seattle are an original and one copy of an investigative insert re investigation in this matter.

For information of Seattle, [redacted] Centerville, Tennessee (protect by request), advised he put little credibility in information furnished by [redacted] is said to be the type of person that occasionally writes letters to the newspaper and, to some people, is considered [redacted] or has a tendency to occasionally come up with some wild ideas and stories. There is no arrest record for ROBERT I. ROBERTS at the CENTERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. However, one of the Centerville detectives is familiar with ROBERTS. ROBERTS has been classified as a "grouchy" elderly individual around 70 years of age, apparently has no meaningful employment, and is believed to be possibly retired from the military. He apparently came to Centerville two or three years ago but little else is known about his background. At one time, some information had been passed to the CENTERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT that ROBERTS was possibly involved in [redacted] However, no information was ever developed to prove this fact.

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[redacted] did ascertain that ROBERT I. ROBERTS resides at 102 Arnold Street, Centerville, Tennessee, and owns a 1981 Ford station wagon with Tennessee license plate LPK626. A check was caused to be run through Tennessee Information Enforcement System (TIES) by the COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT on March 20, 1990, reflected the following information re Tennessee license plate LPK626. This license plate is registered to a 1981 Ford station wagon owned by ROBERT I. ROBERTS, 102 Arnold Street, Centerville, Tennessee. ROBERTS is described as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | 6/9/20 |
| Weight | 280 pounds |
| Height | 5'8" |
| Hair | Grey |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Tennessee Driver's License Number | 64505106 - Issued 4/20/88; Expiration date 6/9/92; There are no driving citations in the computer |

In addition, in an interview with [redacted] it was determined she has had almost no personal contact with ROBERT I. ROBERTS and has only talked to him primarily on the telephone.

In view of above information and information furnished in enclosed insert, no further investigation is being conducted unless advised to the contrary by Seattle Division.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [] at Denver, Colorado.

On September 7, 1989, Denver telephone number [] was contacted in an effort to locate []. It was determined through conversation with the subscriber to that telephone, [] Denver, Colorado, as well as confirmation through US WEST crisscross directories that that number is assigned to [] advised that [] is unknown to her.

A review of the Intrawest crisscross directory and the US WEST telephone directory determined that there is only one listing in the Denver, metropolitan area for []

On September 7, 1989, [] telephone number [] was contacted concerning the "unsolved mysteries" television broadcast in October of 1988. [] advised that he had never contacted the FBI concerning that show and has no information to furnish. In addition, he has never heard of []

AT NORTHGLENN, COLORADO

On September 9, 1989, [] Northglenn, Colorado [] residence telephone number [] was contacted concerning information he may have relating to [] relationship to the hijacking of a Northwest airlines flight in Seattle, Washington, in 1971.

[] advised that he saw a television program "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" and realized that a [] could conceivably be the D. B. COOPER. He stated that [] is currently a [] and that he formerly resided [] residence. [] stated that there was considerable gossip in prior years [] and a [] concerning [] and the fact that [] could be D. B. COOPER. [] stated that [] who is a [] that [] is D. B. COOPER. [] further noted that the [] was named [] and that [] are []

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AT THORNTON, COLORADO

On September 7, 1989, [redacted]
[redacted] Thornton, Colorado [redacted]
business telephone number [redacted] was contacted
concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] is a [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that both [redacted]
[redacted] and based on statements made by [redacted]
they feel there is a possibility that [redacted] could be D. B.
COOPER, who is responsible for the hijacking of a Northwest
airlines plane from Seattle, Washington, in 1971. [redacted] stated
that several years ago, [redacted]
[redacted] He described the [redacted]
[redacted] the Northwest airlines
airplane by COOPER. He believes that [redacted]
who resides on [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, may still
have [redacted] has a [redacted]
[redacted] in
Arvada, Colorado, and that [redacted] has knowledge concerning
[redacted] relationship to D. B. COOPER.

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b7DAT DENVER, COLORADO

On September 7, 1989, [redacted]
[redacted] Denver, Colorado, was contacted at her residence
where she has telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted concerning [redacted] She
stated that she has [redacted]
[redacted] She met [redacted] She explained
that she and her former husband, [redacted] the
[redacted] located in Thornton, Colorado.

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On one occasion, [redacted]
[redacted]
D. B. COOPER in connection with the hijacking of a Northwest
airlines flight in 1971. In her opinion, [redacted]
[redacted] She
[redacted] several years ago. She believes that [redacted]
[redacted] and does not believe that [redacted] is D. B. COOPER.

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b7DAT ARVADA, COLORADO

On September 11, 1989, [redacted] was interviewed at
[redacted] Arvada, Colorado
[redacted] where she had business telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she is [redacted] and in addition to [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, and formerly had a [redacted] in Las Vegas, Nevada. She originally met [redacted] in [redacted] and [redacted]. The [redacted] and [redacted]. She described [redacted] who is a [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] is a [redacted] and she believes that he currently resides at [redacted] Arvada, Colorado. She described [redacted] as being obsessed with D. B. COOPER and during the time [redacted] dealing with COOPER. [redacted] claimed to [redacted] the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION in San Francisco, California, in [redacted] for being D. B. COOPER.

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At one time, [redacted] his D. B. COOPER [redacted] and [redacted]. He made numerous requests of her [redacted]. He appeared to be obsessed with the law, courts, and lawsuits, and in an effort to appease him, [redacted] in Seattle, Washington. [redacted]

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She made [redacted] at which point [redacted]. COOPER did not bail out of the BOEING 727 aircraft. Instead, after the cabin attendants were sent forward to the cockpit area, COOPER actually hid in the ceiling area above the passenger compartment in the interior of the aircraft, and after it returned to Seattle, Washington, and was searched, he walked off the airplane.

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[redacted]
She recalls seeing drawings of D. B. COOPER, and indicated that [redacted] does resemble those drawings. [redacted] claims to have [redacted] and she recalls seeing [redacted] however, she does not [redacted]

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She characterized [redacted] as a [redacted] who is obsessed with D. B. COOPER and who [redacted]. She believes that he could possibly be D. B. COOPER. She believes that [redacted] was born in [redacted], and that he is still employed as [redacted] is a member of the [redacted] and as stated earlier, resides in Arvada, Colorado.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE

Date 4/2/90

From : SAC, ^{2/2/91}DENVER (164A-SE-81)(RUC)

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE



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Re Seattle airtels to Denver, dated 1/23/90 and 3/2/90.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of an insert reflecting investigation conducted at Denver, Colorado.

Referenced airtels from Seattle to Denver requested results of investigation reference [redacted] and [redacted]

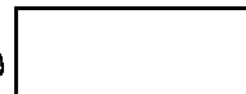
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Denver's letter to Seattle, dated 12/28/89, contained insert reflecting investigation of [redacted] and [redacted]. This insert is being forwarded to Seattle again to clarify the results of the investigation of [redacted] and [redacted].

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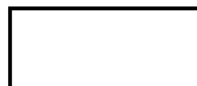
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 2/13/90

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re UNSUB; [redacted] SOURCE ("UNSOLVED MYSTERIES"
LEAD), [redacted] and SA [redacted] memorandums, dated August
7, 1989, and January 23, 1990.

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On August 28, 1989, [redacted] was telephonically
contacted. [redacted] stated that based on the information
given in the "Unsolved Myseries" story, the trajectory of the
subject would have put him in Merwin Lake. [redacted] stated
that this information is based on second or third hand information
given to her.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 2/13/90

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted]
("Unsolved Myserties" Lead) and memorandums of SA [redacted]
dated August 7, 1989, and January 23, 1990.

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On August 30, 1989, [redacted] was contacted in
reference to "Unsolved Mysteries" lead. [redacted] stated that
he had reported this same information 12 years ago to the authorities.
[redacted] further stated that [redacted]
[redacted] had a brother, [redacted] who looked similar
to the subject. As this information had been reported previously,
no further investigation was deemed necessary.

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Date 2/13/90

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

1 - SWK
 UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

NORJAK Suspects at Start of 1989: 1,003 1 - [redacted]

NORJAK Suspects at End of 1989: 1,041 1 - SW 386

Number of Suspects Processed and
 Eliminated During the Year: 24

Occasionally, suspects are reopened because new evidence indicates a "second look" is warranted. One suspect that received national press coverage was [redacted]

[redacted] was considered a suspect because he [redacted] prior to NORJAK. He matches the general description of UNSUB, also known as DAN COOPER. [redacted]

[redacted] He served in the military and may have had airborne training.

The Newark Division advised by airtel dated 7/24/89, that a review of [redacted] U.S. Army records reflect no receipt by [redacted] of airborne training. A review of suspect File [redacted] reflected that [redacted] photograph has been displayed to the three victim stewardesses. All three stated that [redacted] was not identical to UNSUB.

No further investigation will be conducted by Seattle concerning [redacted]

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In a recently completed manuscript, "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (D. B. Cooper - No Longer a Mystery)," RUSSELL P. CALAME, former SAC, Salt Lake City Division, and BERNIE A. RHODES, former Chief U.S. Probation and Parole Agent, contend RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., (Suspect Number 386) was COOPER.

MC COY was considered a suspect because he hijacked a plane five months after NORJAK using essentially the same scheme as UNSUB. MC COY's physical description is similar to UNSUB; however, his age at the time of NORJAK was 29. UNSUB's age was described by witnesses as mid-40s.

MC COY was placed in a Brigham Young University classroom on 11/23/71, the day prior to NORJAK. UNSUB was last seen at about 8:00 p.m. on 11/24/71, when he parachuted into dense woods in southern Washington State. A friend placed MC COY at his residence in Provo, Utah, at 10:00 a.m. on 11/25/71. In April of 1972, all three stewardesses stated they were quite certain MC COY was not identical to COOPER after viewing his photograph.

When MC COY's home was searched after his arrest, \$499,970.00 were recovered from his UNITED AIRLINES hijacking on 4/7/72. No NORJAK ransom money was found.

A comparison between MC COY's fingerprints and NORJAK partials was made with negative results.

This case was featured on "Unsolved Mysteries," a National Broadcasting Company television series, on 10/12/88 and again on 3/10/89. As a result of that exposure, 206 telephone calls were received after the 10/12/88 show and 193 calls were received after the 3/10/89 show.

The telephone calls fit into five categories:

1. SIGHTING: The caller had recently seen an individual resembling the artist's composite of UNSUB. (No lead)
2. RESEMBLANCE: The caller had an acquaintance who resembled the artist's composite of UNSUB. (No lead)
3. FORMER SUSPECT: The caller was suggesting a suspect that had been previously processed as a NORJAK suspect.

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4. NEW SUSPECT: The caller was providing information on a new suspect. This information was dictated into Seattle File Number 164A-81 and appropriate leads have been set out.
5. NO LEAD: The caller did not provide any information of lead value.

A summary of these telephone calls follows:

| <u>TYPE OF CALL</u> | <u>DATES OF BROADCAST</u> | | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | <u>10/12/88</u> | <u>3/20/89</u> | |
| SIGHTING | 30 | 15 | 45 |
| RESEMBLANCE | 23 | 46 | 69 |
| FORMER SUSPECT | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| NEW SUSPECT | 9 | 17 | 26 |
| NO LEAD | <u>131</u> | <u>102</u> | <u>233</u> |
| NUMBER OF CALLS | <u>206</u> | <u>193</u> | <u>399</u> |

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Flagstaff, Arizona:

On April 9, 1990, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] address [redacted] Arizona [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] telephonically contacted the Flagstaff Resident Agency, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), to advise that he had contact with a white male who claimed to be D. B. COOPER. The individual was met by [redacted] on [redacted] 1990, at the [redacted] in Flagstaff, Arizona. The man appeared to be an [redacted]

During the evening, the man claimed to be D. B. COOPER and that in 1965 he hijacked a NORTHWEST AIRLINES flight from Portland, Oregon and changed planes to a military C-130 or C-141. He demanded \$500,000.00 in two duffel bags and made it down with only one. He also threw money in the Snake River to deceive trackers. The man was intoxicated while telling the story so [redacted] did not believe it. [redacted] 1990, [redacted]

[redacted] he told the same story with the same detail. This made [redacted] believe his story. The man wrote a note, [redacted]

[redacted] accompanied [redacted]

[redacted] had mentioned an [redacted] who works at [redacted] Arizona. [redacted] may try to locate [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] Arizona, had been interviewed regarding the D. B. COOPER case. [redacted] also said that JOHN LIST had been captured, but was the wrong man and was 6 feet 2 inches tall.

On April 10, 1990, [redacted] contacted the Flagstaff RA regarding providing the note, captioned above, to the FBI, as discussed with [redacted] on April 9, 1990.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] residence in a
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[redacted] knew of the [redacted]
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The individual is described as follows:

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name | [redacted] also known as |
| Age | D. B. COOPER |
| Height | 63 years old |
| Weight | 5'7" tall |
| Hair | 165-170 pounds, [redacted] |
| Eyes | Silver/gray, combed straight back |
| Scars | Unknown color; [redacted] |
| Miscellaneous | [redacted] |

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 5/11/90

TO SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)

FROM SAC, PHOENIX (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Denver airtel to Phoenix, 7/11/89, and Seattle airtel to Phoenix 1/23/90.

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one copy of an investigative insert accomplished by SA [redacted] Flagstaff RA, Phoenix Division.

Attempts by Phoenix to locate BOB (LNU) at [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, were negative. The investigative agent interviewed the [redacted] No one [redacted] was familiar with any individual named BOB who was interested [redacted] The investigating agent explored other possibilities, such as individuals interested in parachuting, renters with piloting experience or aviation jobs, or any individual matching the description of D. B. COOPER. All responses from [redacted] were negative. For future reference, [redacted] have been [redacted]

On 4/9/90, [redacted] contacted the Flagstaff RA of the FBI. [redacted] desired to provide information regarding this case. Results of the interview are enclosed so that Seattle may process the appropriate information in the NORJAK case.

Investigative action is completed at Phoenix. This matter is RUC to OO.

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Date 3/2/90

TO : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re subject [redacted] and
 Minneapolis airtel to Denver dated 7/14/89.

Reference airtel requested the Denver Division to
 locate and interview [redacted] Denver,
 Colorado, telephone number [redacted] concerning information
 about suspect [redacted]. A review of Seattle's file fails to
 indicate that it has received a copy of the results of that
 investigation.

LEAD:DENVER DIVISIONAT DENVER, COLORADO

Will forward to Seattle the results of that
 investigation so that this matter might be brought to a logical
 conclusion.

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 1 - Minneapolis (Info)
 ② - Seattle
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Date 9/19/89

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE
 2 FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 (OO: SEATTLE)

5 Reference Seattle airtel to Pittsburgh, 8/7/89.

6 Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of an investigative
 7 insert dated 9/8/89.

8 In view of the fact no further investigation is
 9 outstanding at Pittsburgh, PA, this matter is being considered
 10 RUC.

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 14 2 - Seattle (Enc. 2)

15 ① - Pittsburgh

16 JHF/mss

17 (3) JHF

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Cooper-20751

164A-SE-81
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The following investigation was conducted at Pittsburgh, PA, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

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On September 8, 1989, [redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted] residing at [redacted] Imperial, PA, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Pittsburgh Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) based on an appointment for same set on August 29, 1989.

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[redacted] advised that following captioned incident, she appeared at the Chicago, Illinois (IL), Office of the FBI and furnished information to an Agent concerning an individual named [redacted]

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She advised Agents of the FBI also interviewed [redacted] who currently reside at [redacted] El Cajon, California (CA), telephone number [redacted]

She advised she, along with her parents, were involved in [redacted] with the San Diego, CA, [redacted] located at [redacted] She recalled the fact that [redacted] and described him as an [redacted] who held a [redacted] was [redacted] She stated [redacted] was employed at a bank in the San Diego, CA, area, possibly La Mesa, CA.

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She stated she and her parents noticed a strong resemblance between the composite of D.B. COOPER and [redacted] She further stated the following individuals were also familiar with [redacted]

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[redacted]
Werner Springs, CA.

[redacted] - Current location unknown; however, his [redacted]
El Cajon, CA.

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[redacted] advised she was [redacted] years of age when she first met [redacted] and [redacted] him, in view of his [redacted]

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24 de Julio 1972

Senor

Hawthorne, California.
U.S.A.

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Dear

The following information has been received from [redacted] and attorney.

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"You will be happy to know that I have received word that you have been disqualifed by the I.P.A. in a matter in the hijacking case. They came to the conclusion that you were to be turned out to jump off anything, including bridges."

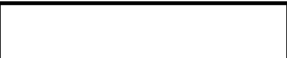
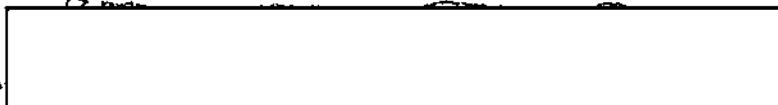
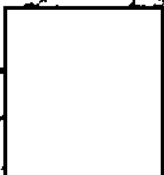
"They have told you that you can do as well over and with."

Thus ends my career as an airline pilot. I am not at all at that all is K.K. I, don't know how far these B.A. [redacted] with this thing and who they will call on. Give fun and be careful-----

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Write. so I will know that you received this letter. Also send me your zip code number.

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San José, Costa Rica

11 de julio 1972

Señor




Hawthorne, CALIFORNIA
U. S. A.

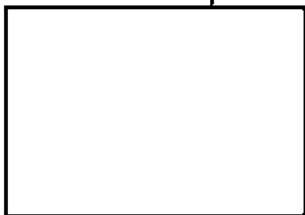
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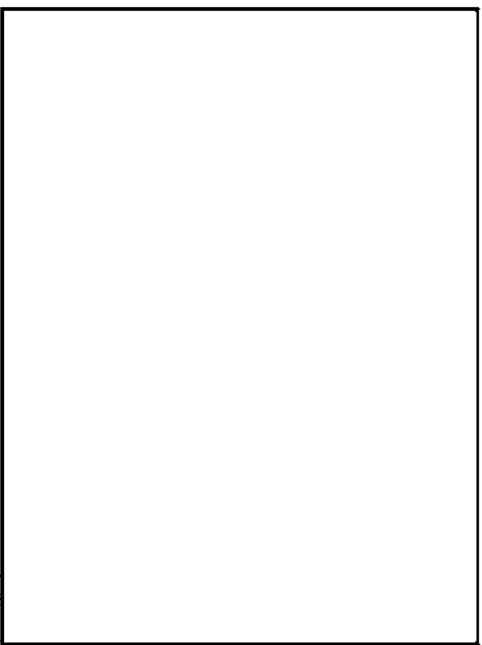
Back with the ticos in Costa Rica.

Hope you and your friend are alright, my best to you both.

Did  go with my friend on vacation?



SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA



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San Jose, Costa Rica

24 de Julio 1972

Senor,

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Hawthorne, California,
U.S.A.

Dear

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The following information has been received from my good friend
and attorney.

"You will be happy to know that I have received word
that you have been disqualified by the F.B.I. as a suspect in the
hijacking case. They came to the conclusion that you were so dam-
ned old to jump off anything, including birds."

"They learned that your energy is such that the next
you can do is roll over and sigh."

Thus ends my career as an airplane hijacker. So put the word out
that all is O.K. I, didn't know how far those BASTARDS might go
with this thing and who they might call on.

Thanks to you both, have fun and be careful-----

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Write, so I will know, that you received this letter. Also
send me your zip code number.

San José, Costa Rica

21 de julio 1972

Señor

Hawthorne, CALIFORNIA

U. S. A

Dear

Thanks for the letter.

I can write long letters but my Spanish girl can't type them. We will retype this one at least ten times.

hold on to your ass for a story.

I am being checked by the F.B.I. for hijacking an aeroplane the night of Nov. 23, 1971 in Oregon. The next day I flew to Costa Rica and somebody looked at the F.B.I. sketch and said it looks like

The local police had me in for two sessions. Got hold of the Embassy and told them to get the problem straightened out. Hell of a mess.

They are questioning All My Friends in L.A. About me and my whereabouts Nov. 23-71.

So get the word to them, and tell them no real problem. It could be embarrassing to some of them to have the F.B.I. call on them at home, or any other place.

Isn't this some story. Will fill you in on complete story, When I see you. Like a Perry Mason story.

Hello to all and Ill see you in Sept.

Please ans

DESTROY LETTER

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2/24/90

Dear Sir

This letter and the enclosed photocopies are in reference to our telephone conversation around 1:15 pm today.

My late father was a Korea War Jet fighter pilot who went on to Pilot 747's for UAL for 26 years.

For many years I have been under the impression that my Father was somehow associated with the man who called himself DB Cooper. This Association dating back to his Korea Jet flying days.

The enclosed letters only recently came into my possession. I do not know the man

Who sent them or
ever recall seeing
the Name before!

I feel that
these letters may
somehow impart more
information than
they seem, they
read oddly.

The photo is
a ID picture taken
of my father around
20-30 years ago, I
thought, it may resemble
the published composite
drawing of D.B. Cooper.

My mother tells me
she recalls overhearing
a conversation between
my dad and a coworker
of his from UAC (another
pilot) discussing the
hijacking.

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I feel this is
kind of goofy
and the above
information is only
sketchy but I
thought I'd send
it to you Anyway.

If I can be
of further assistance
my daytime phone #
is [redacted]
in Seattle.

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Sincerely

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[redacted]
[redacted]
Seattle WA [redacted]

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FBI
415 2nd Ave
Suite 710
Seattle WA 98174

ATTN Complaint officer

DB Cooper-20762

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Date 8/21/89

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (164A-SE-81) (P)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 OO: SE

CC
 JACK COFFELT
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 6 Re SE airtel to ME, dated 7/31/89 and ME telcalls to SE, 8/17-18/89.

7 Enclosed here for the information of the Seattle
 8 Division are two copies of two separate photographs depicting
 9 "Jack Coffelt taken approximately 1957." Also enclosed are
 10 photocopies of two articles by [redacted] which were
 11 published in the October and November, 1983 issues of Las Vegas
 12 magazine; a photocopy of an article which appeared in the August,
 13 1980 issue of Hustler magazine; and a photocopy of a letter to
 14 [redacted] by [redacted] dated 12/14/83.

15 On 8/17/89, based on a request of the Seattle Division
 16 to locate and interview [redacted] based on anonymous
 17 telephone call received following the broadcast of the Norjak
 18 matter on the "Unsolved Mysteries" television show, she was
 19 located and interviewed at Memphis, Tenn.

20 [redacted] white female, born
 21 [redacted], was contacted at her residence of
 [redacted] Memphis, Tenn., and reported she [redacted] in
 [redacted] having met [redacted] while
 she was employed as [redacted] at the Tennessee Hotel

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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DB Cooper-20763

where [] had been a guest. She reported a []
[] MARK
COFFELT, was killed four and one-half years ago in a Texas
traffic accident. [] in the []
[] and he left the Memphis, Tennessee area. She did
not hear from him until [] At that time,
COFFELT was apparently passing through Memphis and made
arrangements to [] She kept
a record of this check as having been negotiated through the
FIRST NATIONAL BANK (FNB) OF CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND, and
subsequently got in contact with COFFELT sometime in 1968 or
1969, at which time she again met with him and []
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As it relates to the Norjak matter, [] reported
COFFELT had mentioned to her many times [] he
had parachute training and recounted now forgotten locations
where he had supposedly made parachute jumps. She noted when
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but toward [] COFFELT had apparently come
into a large amount of money, since [] he had new
clothes, jewelry, and was driving a brand new automobile.

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She advised the first time she became aware of
COFFELT's possible involvement in the Norjak matter was when she
was out west visiting in Idaho and came across the Hustler
magazine article. She noticed a similarity between the composite
photographs of the Norjak subject and []

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[] made available for copy, two photographs
depicting JACK COFFELT [] and noted these photos
were taken in approximately [] She noted the sunglasses
depicted in these two photos as being the type of sunglasses
constantly worn by COFFELT who claimed he had some type of eye
difficulty.

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[] advised during this contact, she did not want
"anything from COFFELT," and particularly noted she did not want
any notoriety or publicity concerning []

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[] She reported following the publication of two separate
articles in the Las Vegas magazine, she was contacted by []
[] who was [] of [] during his
incarceration at Leavenworth Penitentiary. She reported she
communicated by telephone and written communication with []
and made available for copy a handwritten letter she had received
from [] in 1983.

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[] advised she knew "JACK" COFFELT to be a "con man and a braggart" and advised she could never really trust anything he would say or tell her. She did, however, comment it was her opinion COFFELT had a mentality of being well capable of thinking up the Norjak scheme, although she acknowledged her opinion may have been largely formed by the various magazine articles.

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Memphis Division has communicated telephonically with the Seattle Division and is aware COFFELT was formerly considered as a suspect concerning captioned matter and was subsequently eliminated from further consideration. The facts concerning that elimination were discussed during referenced telcalls. The enclosed information is therefore being submitted for review and for general information purpose, at the present time. It is noted [] appears to be a very stable person and would cooperate fully with the FBI should additional contact with her be required.

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Memphis Division continues captioned matter in pending status based upon a separate request received from the Seattle Division in a communication, dated 8/7/89, requiring investigation at Centerville, Tenn.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

The Discovery of D.B. Cooper

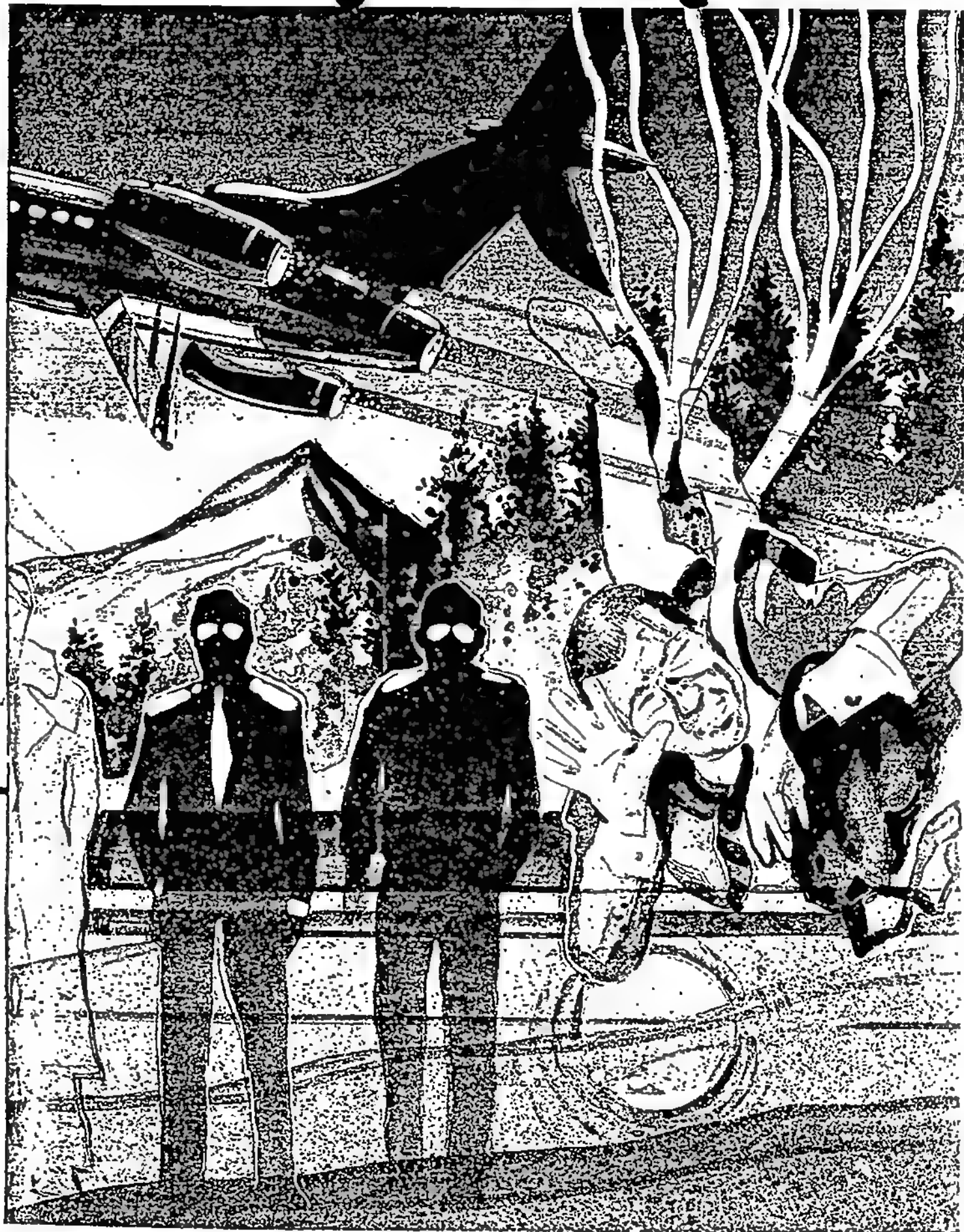
by Byron H. Brown

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION: Las Vegas has never been associated with the most famous skyjacking in American history, but in the 1970's an investigation of incredible dimensions was centered in this gambling capitol, one which led to the identification of the legendary Northwest sky-jacker D.B. Cooper. Conducted by a unique pair of characters—an unemployed aircraft engineer and his son, who was an investigative reporter and freelance writer here—the investigation shattered the myth surrounding the D.B. Cooper affair and in striking fashion exposed many obscure, never-before-revealed facets of the famous skyjacking, causing one local FBI agent to admit to the two: "You have accomplished the impossible."

In 1975, freelance journalist Byron Brown met a Hollywood producer who was in Las Vegas to film a sporting event for CBS television, and interested him in the idea of making a movie about a bizarre journey he had taken the year before with his father and an old prison buddy of his—a man who claimed to be the legendary D.B. Cooper. Before long Byron was traveling regularly to Los Angeles to assist in the development of a movie script and to engage in meetings with motion picture executives. Strategy sessions in Las Vegas nightspots resulted in his going on the road to develop leads and uncover major evidence.

As a native of the Pacific Northwest, I have always been intrigued by the famous skyjacking. Even in Nevada, people instantly recognize the name D.B. Cooper and comment upon the veil of mystery surrounding the crime. Las Vegas, the pre-eminent city of gamblers, obviously appreciates one of its kind: a man who forced the odds to turn in his favor when the chips were down. So when I first met Byron Brown (ironically, not long after I had seen the movie *In Pursuit of D.B. Cooper*), I began to realize that he had, in fact, uncovered the truth about Cooper and also stumbled upon one of the most exciting stories ever to come across my desk. His sincerity and the massive documentation he showed me—he has the only





known photographs of the man now identified as D.B. Cooper, which will be published in *Las Vegas's* November issue—convinced me that he had spent many years professionally researching and investigating obscure leads and myriad new facts about the skyjacking. Byron, then completing his book on the subject, was hesitant to share his information at first, but my inquisitiveness about the famous criminal prompted him to begin work on this exclusive two-part series for *Las Vegas*.

The D.B. Cooper matter is a complex and serious one. Shortly after the skyjacking, FBI agents in charge of the investigation concluded that Cooper had probably died in his extraordinary leap from the commercial airliner. But to be on the safe side, in 1976 the U.S. Justice Department issued a re-indictment of Cooper in Portland, Oregon, which effectively nullified any statute-of-limitations on the crime. Technically, therefore, Cooper still may be prosecuted, so the FBI has never closed its file on the case.

Las Vegas Magazine is proud to present this previously unreported evidence in the amazing story which begins in the following report.

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THE CRIME

Late afternoon on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24, 1971, the sky was turning gray in Portland, Oregon. As storm clouds moved in from the Pacific coast, Northwest Orient Flight 305 was preparing for take-off to Seattle. The plane, a three-engine Boeing 727, had left Washington D.C. earlier in the day, making a series of hops across the country before arriving in Portland. So far it had been a routine flight.

But at the Portland terminal a man who signed his name as Dan Cooper and paid cash for his ticket to Seattle was causing a delay. Standing by the terminal windows, he was peering worriedly at the rear of the Boeing 727, nervously sipping a drink. He ignored the final boarding call. Stewardess Florence Schaffner approached the man and warned him that he was about to be left behind. According to later press dispatches, there was nothing remarkable about his appearance. A tall, swarthy, black-haired man who appeared to be in his mid-forties, Cooper was wearing a dark business suit, brown Oxford lace-up shoes and an unfashionably narrow tie. He carried a topcoat and briefcase, and once aboard the plane he donned a pair of dark sunglasses.

Florence Schaffner thought he was some sort of country bumpkin. Perhaps he was afraid of flying. She led him almost like a frightened little boy to his seat. As soon as the plane was in the air, Cooper pushed the stewardess call button and ordered a bourbon. When Florence Schaffner brought it to him, she was puzzled that he was wearing a pair of white gloves. She was even more puzzled when he handed her a

note in a sealed envelope, but Florence is an attractive young woman and was used to male passengers making passes at her, so she put the note in her handbag without reading it and began serving other passengers. Suddenly, Cooper called out to her in an angry voice, "Miss, I want you to read that note!"

She opened the envelope distractedly, and was suddenly faced with the awesome message — written in block capitals on a single sheet of paper — "MISS—I HAVE A BOMB IN MY BRIEFCASE AND I WANT YOU TO SIT BESIDE ME."

"Oh, no!" she thought, trying to comprehend the words. "You're kidding," she stammered to him, "are you kidding?" He was not.

"You better sit down right now," he threatened. From his window seat he grabbed her hand and pulled her into the aisle seat. Then he opened the briefcase in the seat between them and showed her a large battery, some wiring, and several reddish-brown sticks bundled together which he claimed were dynamite. "All I have to do is touch these two wires together and it's all over," he said.



Among the young anti-establishment crowd, Cooper became a heroic symbol of rebellion: he had successfully stuck it to Northwest Airlines, the banks and insurance companies, and also thumbed his nose at the FBI.



Florence took down Cooper's demands on the back of the envelope: he wanted four parachutes — two sport chutes and two military backpacks — and \$200,000 in cash to be delivered to him upon landing in Seattle. Also, he wanted a fuel truck to meet the plane at the end of the runway. Otherwise, he would "blow this damn bird out of the sky." He wanted the money in \$20 bills and placed in a hiker's backpack, but Florence forgot to write down these two points or to relay them to the captain. She was nearly fainting with fear.

The plane was approaching Seattle. Captain William Scott and Co-pilot Bill Rataczak were in a frenzy about what to do. They relayed Cooper's demands to Northwest Operations at Sea-Tac Airport and asked for instructions. Back came the word: cooperate fully and "do whatever he demands." Other authorities radioed Scott: "FBI and police have advised no action be taken. Repeat. No action be taken." Scott was forced to circle the field for two-and-a-half hours while those on the ground

frantically got together the \$200,000 and four parachutes. Due to the approaching Thanksgiving holiday, they were having difficulties collecting the money. He landed the plane at Seattle at 5:40 PM, but the ransom was still not collected. The tower radioed Scott: "Impress on this man that we are not trying to stall. The money is on its way. It was picked up at more than one bank." Finally, at 6:30 PM the money and parachutes arrived, but Cooper was outraged that the ransom had been placed in a mail sack instead of a backpack. "Screw me one more time and you're a dead man," he warned Scott over the plane's intercom. Nevertheless, he allowed the thirty-six passengers and two of the stewardesses — Schaffner and Alice Hancock — to leave the plane, but at the last minute he ordered stewardess Tina Mucklow to remain with him as a hostage and instructed her to close all the window blinds in the cabin. He suspected the FBI was lining up outside to try to shoot him.

The fuel truck Cooper had ordered was taking an interminably long time to complete its task. He suspected a set-up. "I know exactly how long it takes to fuel this plane!" he barked over the intercom. "Let's get this motherf--- show on the road!" Finally, at 7:36 PM the 727 took off again. Cooper had demanded to be flown to Mexico City, but Captain Scott pointed out to him that Mexico was beyond the range of the aircraft, so there would have to be another refueling stop. After a series of exchanges with Northwest Flight Control in Minneapolis, Scott was given three alternatives: Reno, Phoenix, and "somewhere in between" — which had to be Las Vegas. Cooper chose Reno. There, three and a half hours after leaving Seattle, the plane landed. Since the crew had not heard from Cooper over the interphone in over three hours (Tina Mucklow was ordered into the cockpit by him shortly after take-off from Seattle), FBI agents, airport security personnel, and police warily closed in on the plane, firing a barrage of tear-gas canisters into the back. But Cooper, the money, the briefcase with the bomb, and two of the four parachutes were gone. D.B. Cooper — the name the press gave him, and the one that stuck — had gotten clean away.

"D.B. Cooper, Where Are You?" demanded the bumper stickers. "D.B. Cooper, We Love You" proclaimed the T-shirts. There was a whimsical cartoon book about him: *Skyjacker's Guide — Or Please Hold This Bomb While I Go To The Bathroom*. In Seattle for a while there was even a D.B. Cooper Discotheque where patrons danced "the skyjack." Among the young anti-establishment crowd, Cooper became a heroic symbol of rebellion: he had successfully stuck it to Northwest Airlines, the banks and insurance companies, and also thumbed his nose at the FBI.

But many people, particularly FBI agents involved in the case, believed that Cooper died in the jump. "What we're looking for is a hole in the ground," said one agent. Their suspicions were bolstered by the fact that one of the chest packs Cooper was given turned out to be a sewn-up dummy chute used for classroom demonstration — according to George Harrison, who was Seattle transport manager for Northwest Airlines at the time. Also, if Cooper had survived the jump he was obviously in no hurry to spend the money. Not one of the \$20 bills he had received — all the serial numbers had been recorded — ever turned up until a small bundle of Cooper's loot was discovered by a young Oklahoma boy, Brian Ingram, on the banks of the Columbia River nine miles north of Portland in February 1980. The FBI interpreted this find as proof that Cooper died in the jump, but they had trouble accounting for why this small bundle of money ended up in a place ten miles upstream from the place they have always maintained he jumped out — the area around the town of Woodland, Washington.

According to the crew of the plane, a series of strong "pressure bumps" occurred directly over this area of broad, flat farming country about twenty miles north of Portland, which seemed the most likely place for him to have jumped. Local authorities, familiar with the geography, doubted that he jumped much farther south. To do so would run the risk of bailing out into the cold, rugged, densely-forested Cascades, which were already thinly covered with snow. Survival there in street clothes would be nearly impossible, especially since the Cascades had been hit by fierce storms the night of the skyjacking. On the basis of the crew's information, a massive search was mounted. The day after Thanksgiving, when the weather cleared, a horde of official searchers invaded the Woodland area. FBI agents, local sheriffs and deputies, local police and Boy Scout troupes, assisted by helicopters provided by the Army and Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company, searched exhaustively. But they found nothing. In the spring another search was conducted, this time by nearly three hundred soldiers from Fort Lewis, Washington. They too found nothing. It seemed that D.B. Cooper had disappeared forever.

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THE REVELATION

But now the mystery may be over. A confession, two eye-witnesses, and a mass of circumstantial evidence indicate that a man known to many as Bryant "Jack" Coffelt once committed a crime of such daring that it captured the imagination of a nation.

The story I related to the producer in Las Vegas was this: In 1974, when I was 16, my father asked me to join him on a camping ex-



Illustration by Steve Charon

"Well, I'm Cooper," he said, thumping his chest with his forefinger. "I'm D.B. Cooper!"

As soon as the plane was in the air, Cooper pushed the stewardess call button and ordered a bourbon. When Florence Schaffner brought it to him, she was puzzled that he was wearing a pair of white gloves.

pedition to the Cascade Mountains of Oregon with an old friend of his, ostensibly so that we would have a chance to look over towns where I might decide to go to college. My father had been having a lot of trouble lately at a small beer and wine store that he ran. Recently, a county grand jury had revoked the store's license because of the many disturbances that occurred there, so my father had plenty of time on his hands to take this much-needed vacation. "Hell, I might want to move out there myself," he said, "if I can put together a little money."

We started out from our home in northeast Georgia, our truck-camper rig loaded with hiking gear, on the thousand-mile trip to Joplin, Missouri, where we were to meet his old friend. It was the third week in June. We met Jack Coffelt in Joplin as night was falling, and immediately proceeded to a seedy motel on the outskirts of town where we took a room for the night. In the small room, with a dim lamp il-

luminating his face, Jack Coffelt looked me steadily in the eye and asked suspiciously, "Byron, you remember that fella that sky-jacked that airplane out in Oregon a few years back? — Cooper, D.B. Cooper? You remember him?"

"Sure," I replied. "All my friends at school were talking about that for weeks after it happened." I thought he would tell me we were going to look for Cooper.

"Well, I'm Cooper," he said, thumping his chest with his forefinger. "I'm D.B. Cooper!" He gave me no time to think. "I need your help, Byron. I lost my goddam money! I dropped it when the parachute opened. Your father has promised to help, but we need your help too." He could see that I was dumbfounded. His and my father's eyes fell steadily upon me. "The bastards tried to kill me," cried Coffelt. "Gave me a rotten chute — no good. It wouldn't open. I kept clawing at it but it wouldn't open. Finally I got the other one open — the back pack — but it jolted me so bad I dropped the money! I dropped the bag of money!" The words echoed pitifully through the small room as Coffelt buried his head in his hands.

"Will you help me?" he pleaded. "You're young; we're just two old men. You can climb the mountains out there. I'm gonna give your daddy half, and we're going to buy you a brand new car." He hoisted his shorts and showed me his legs all the way up to the thighs. They were horribly discolored — purple and yellowish bruises blending with the pale skin. He claimed he had hit a tree limb between his legs when he crashed down on a rugged mountain

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slope in the dark. His shoes had filled with blood; he had broken a rib. "I've never recovered," he gasped. "It ruined me. I wouldn't do it again for a million dollars."

I was astounded by his allegations, and as I retold them over a year later they seemed as outlandish as they had that night in the Joplin motel. But the allegations would grow immensely. In one meeting at the Tropicana Hotel with writers and executives of Universal Studios, I told how Coffelt claimed he had "connections" in Las Vegas, that these persons were going to help him launder that stolen loot through the casino cage of one major Strip hotel. In lighter moments he bragged about his Las Vegas past, once dropping a name and boasting of "taking over a town" and being "the boss's right arm;" how he "always packed a gun then because business was rough" . . . the name was Howard Hughes.

At times I thought he was all blow, for as we drove along the vast western prairies he recounted fantastic tales like a man hallucinating. But I would discover later that he indeed had connections in Las Vegas, and that the authorities had once kept a close eye on his actions here. By having a "trace" placed on his FBI number through a friend in the Las Vegas police department, I found that on October 7, 1959, Jack had registered as an ex-felon in Phoenix, Arizona; and ten months later, on July 18, 1960, he registered as an ex-felon in Las Vegas, both places requiring known malcontents to so register. But also, registering as an ex-felon implies that Jack stayed in the Phoenix and Las Vegas areas for a fairly long period of time. He wasn't just passing through. I was to discover that he stayed in Las Vegas long enough to find himself a woman companion who remained with him — as a partner and overseer of his various shady activities — for the next 14 years.

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THE COMPANION

Lorraine Thompson was a pretty red-haired woman, pleasant, unassuming, and quiet. One source who knew her thought she had "spent a lot of time in the backwoods of Tennessee collecting antiques." But somehow she migrated west. On September 23, 1955, when she was twenty-eight years old, she married Paul C. Gulas, thirty-three, in Las Vegas. Old timers in town may have heard of Gulas, a man who naturally would have associated with many types of people. Gulas had been previously married and had a son, Paul, Jr. now residing in Las Vegas.

Gulas Sr. was a Las Vegas policeman. He went on to become the Captain of Detectives in 1968, retired from the force in 1974, and died in Texas in early 1976. Lorraine and Gulas were divorced after six years, on July 26,

1961. Shortly thereafter she was constantly seen in the company of Jack Coffelt. She called herself Tave — Tave Coffelt — although they never married. The couple seemed prosperous in those years. Jack wore expensive suits and drove a late-model Cadillac. Paul Gulas Jr. told me that he thought "Tave" had been a police dispatcher in Miami, Florida. One reliable source told me "my information is that she's FBI." Whatever her line, she was to introduce Jack Coffelt to a new and different world — a world of political intrigue undertaken in the highest circles. A few months after her divorce from Gulas in Las Vegas, Jack and Tave set up permanent residence in Washington D.C., and Jack entered upon his new career as a government informant. He was to be seen at White House inauguration balls. He hobnobbed with Mrs. Kennedy and Lady Bird Johnson. At least twice he entered Nixon's presidential enclave with White House passes. He was often seen in the company of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Indeed, as I myself witnessed in 1974, he carried an FBI identification badge, and one card identified him as an agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. From the years 1961 to 1974 Jack Coffelt seemed to

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play many roles. Sources who knew him in Washington D.C. link him to undercover political operations in such disparate places as Egypt, Cuba, and Mexico City. One Las Vegas FBI agent told me cryptically, "He may well have been CIA."

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THE INSPIRATION

Bryant "Jack" Coffelt was born February 20, 1916, and grew up in near poverty in the lead and zinc mining area around Joplin, Missouri. As a youth he hung around the gambling halls and brothels of Picher, Oklahoma, a few miles southwest of Joplin. According to those who knew him there, he was a "strange" youth, always into trouble.

"He never would mind. He wouldn't mind nobody," said his sister. From the age of

fourteen on he would always be in trouble with the law, serving a total of over twenty years in reformatories, jails, and prisons. In the late 1940's, while serving a ten-year sentence for auto theft and attempted escape at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, he was working in the print shop as a press operator one day when he met my father, who was editor of the prison magazine.

In 1944, James Brown, the son of a Georgia lawyer, had been commissioned as a second-lieutenant in the U.S. Army-Air Force, a pilot in a transport squadron. He was expecting to be sent to England for the invasion of Europe, but instead found himself facing a court martial, charged with rape. He was sentenced to life imprisonment and sent to Atlanta Penitentiary. Brown, who always maintained his innocence, was paroled in 1952 after serving eight years, but during those years he became close friends with Jack Coffelt. The two would often spend hours together on the prison recreation yard. Like many of the inmates, Coffelt often dreamt of the perfect crime, the big job, and was fascinated by Brown's ability to fly an airplane. "He would ask me if it would be possible to escape by landing a plane in the prison yard," said Brown, "or if I could fly him to Mexico if he pulled a bank job."

After Brown's release in 1952, the two did not hear from each other for many years. Coffelt was discharged in 1955, after being transferred to Leavenworth Penitentiary in Kansas. But their friendship during those lonely prison years was cemented. Coffelt told me that his admiration for my father's flying ability was in fact the seed which culminated in his planning the skyjacking. And he said when he dropped the money the first man he thought of to help him was James Brown.

The story of the skyjacking grew. According to Coffelt, it was an exceedingly well-planned and thoroughly rehearsed operation. He claimed he had taken Flight 305 from Portland to Seattle "two or three times" before the actual crime in order to perfect the timing of the operation. He had been trained by an engineer who was familiar with the Boeing 727 aircraft, the only plane in commercial operation which had a stairway which opened directly out the rear. He was instructed to order the pilot to fly at 15 degrees wingflaps so that the plane could go no faster than approximately 175 knots (200 mph). If it flew any faster than that, Coffelt said, he would have been killed by the tremendous suction effect at the rear opening. Moreover, he ordered the pilot to fly at 10,000 feet altitude. "That bastard flew to 10,500 feet once," he said. "I knew. I was wearing a wrist altimeter. I got on the interphone and ordered him back down."

Coffelt often scoffed at the "lousy" journalists who had first reported the crime. "All they did was talk to the FBI," he said. He

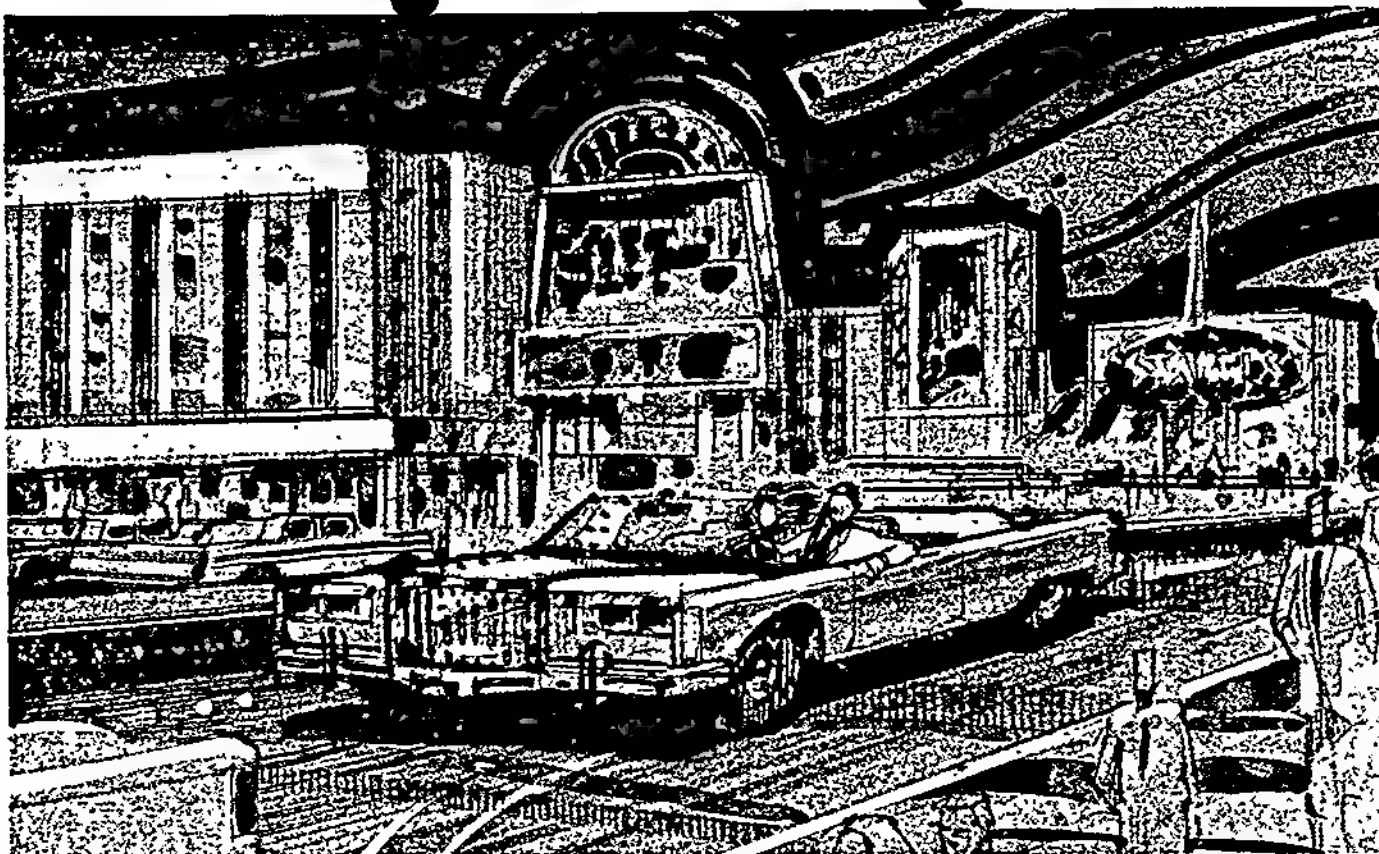


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seemed hurt that the true merit — the intricate planning and deception — of his crime had never been fully appreciated. The whole idea that D.B. Cooper had just “jumped out in the night like Santa Claus” was perversely ridiculous to him. He claimed he had a perfect landing site — a wheat field that was plowed over in the fall of the year — in which to jump. There was a large beacon near the field — “you could see the damn thing for a hundred miles” — a bright light which he ordered the pilot to fly over. As part of his getaway plan Coffelt had stashed an old army jeep a mile or two from the field with a transmitter in it, so that he heard a steady bleeping sound through a receiver that he carried in the plane. The bleeping sound grew louder and louder as he approached the jump site. “When it was two or three pitches from full intensity — that’s when I needed to jump,” he said, a design which would allow him room to float in the parachute to a pin-point landing. “It was the perfect crime,” he lamented wistfully many times, “the perfect crime.”

But of course there is no such thing as a perfect crime. Many factors which he could not have foreseen led to Jack Coffelt’s defeat. He had planned to hook the backpack containing the \$200,000 to one of the military backpacks and belt it securely around his waist, but since stewardess Schaffner never relayed his request for the backpack and the money was

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delivered to him in a mail sack with no hooks or belts, he was forced to open one of the parachutes and cut the shroud lines, which he used to tie a loop for his arm to go through at the top of the mail sack. This left him two out of the three remaining chutes to choose from — and the chest pack he opted for was the one that was inoperative! As he descended the stairs, burdened by the two heavy parachutes and the 25-pound sack of money on his arm, he lost his hold on the handrail and — about a minute before he had planned — he was sucked out by the windstream, in his own words, “like a cork out of a bottle.”

He knew even as he was falling that he must

be nearly a mile too far north of his landing field. Afraid of hitting the jagged mountains which everywhere encompassed the landing area — he had planned to free-fall for almost thirty seconds — he tugged early on the rip-cord of the chest pack, but to his horror it did not open! Struggling to hold the money on his arm, he frantically reached over his shoulder and pulled the rip-cord of the military backpack. He felt the pack release and then sensed a gentle tugging above him — it was only the guide chute opening — which he mistook for the main chute. Relieved that the back-up parachute had opened at all, he relaxed his grip on the money bag. Suddenly he was hit by a tremendous jolt as the 28-foot main canopy opened, and the bag of money slid off his dangling arm and tumbled away into the darkness.

Almost instantaneously, the billowing parachute was tossed by ferocious winds from the thunderstorms which had moved in over the mountains earlier that night. He was helplessly tossed and thrown about. Sleet and hail pelted his face and soaked his clothes. He was unable to see any of the ground lights which he and an accomplice had set up to assist him in guiding the parachute to the landing field. Below him, somewhere in the immense darkness, waited jagged cliffs and vast forests of towering Ponderosa pines. He saw the lights of the Boeing 727 slowly disappear and, tailing about



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half a mile behind it, the lights of a C-130 cargo plane carrying would-be pursuers — a paratrooper squadron from McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington. But they had not seen him jump. Due to the raging storm the cargo plane's scanning radar was rendered useless.

Coffelt crashed down on a mountain slope, hitting a tree limb between his legs and crushing his ankles as he plowed into the rocky surface. But even though he was in severe pain, he gathered the billowing chute around his legs, clawed a hole in the loose scree and compacted the chute into it, then sprayed it with a magnesium compound — he explained the magnesium would burn so hot it would melt even the metal harness buckles — and set a match to it so there would be no evidence for any would-be pursuers to ever find.

Coffelt explained to us, with a look of horror and pain on his face, how he had spent over 15 hours clawing his way — at times on hands and knees — through the dense underbrush of the forest and up the side of a towering rock cliff, finally coming out the next morning into a meadow where he saw a trail that was familiar to him. He walked along the narrow logging trail until he found the hidden jeep, then, using the vehicle's two-way radio, contacted his accomplice who had been cruising a highway twenty miles away hoping to see signs of the fallen parachute. He rendezvoused with this accomplice — whom he described vaguely as "an Army man" — at an isolated point along the deep and swift-moving Deschutes River which meanders through central Oregon, and there pushed the jeep over a cliff into the rushing waters, blowing it to pieces with a charge of dynamite as it went down. Then he climbed in the back seat of the getaway car and was driven two thousand miles across back roads to a place somewhere in the Midwest, where a friendly doctor quietly treated his injuries.

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THE CONSPIRACY

Coffelt had returned to the Oregon area twice — in the spring and fall of 1972 — to search for the missing money, each time without success, until in desperation he decided to solicit my father's help. He further maintained that the FBI had tried to kill him in connection with the crime. "They wanted to silence me," he said. "I had to leave Washington D.C. fast." So he had moved with Tave to the Seattle area — like a true conman secretly returning to the scene of the crime — and rented an apartment in the middle-class suburb of Lynnwood. There, in that cold and rainy environment, his health deteriorated. He began taking nitroglycerin tablets — a habit which he continued during our journey — to prevent clotting of his blood. He was a terribly desperate man. "That job was my last chance," he mused. "It meant everything to me. I had nothing to lose." Nothing except his life.

Try as he might to downplay them, hints of a broad, complex conspiracy began to weave their way into Coffelt's story, and we grew more and more worried the closer we came to our destination of Oregon. According to him, there were at least three co-conspirators still

lurking about who had vested interests in the money being found. One of these men, whom Coffelt called the "ring-leader," was actually a former pilot who was "grounded because of heart trouble," and who was thus terribly embittered at life. This man, relying on his years of experience in flying over the area, had actually picked the Oregon locale as the best place in the country to pull off the sky-jacking. Also, there was the mysterious engineer whom Coffelt claimed had instructed him about the workings of the Boeing 727 aircraft, and then there was the "Army man" — the accomplice waiting on the ground for him.

To satisfy all these mysterious people, the real take was supposed to be several million dollars of used bank notes that were to be loaded onto the plane at Portland by an armored Brinks truck. "But the goddam Brinks truck never showed," said Coffelt. "I kept watching out the terminal windows for it. I almost got left behind." It was then that he decided to put into effect "Plan B" — the demand for a \$200,000 ransom. "If someone was trying to double-cross me," he explained, "I'd get my share anyway." But some, or all, of these people never believed that he lost the money and with growing impatience had beleaguered him for their cut. He had been threatened, and had counter-threatened to blow the whole story if they didn't take the heat off. "I feel like a hunted animal," he said to me many times. "You and your father are the only people I can trust anymore."

But the two old prison buddies could not recapture the past. There was a gulf between them that could not be filled. My father, who had left his prison years behind him like a bad dream, had gone on to become an engineer, and his critical mind was thirsting for hard details about the skyjacking. He constantly quizzed Coffelt. "Who helped you plan this thing, Jack? What's this man's name — this engineer? What about this former pilot? You trying to tell me he was the brains behind it?"

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But Jack wasn't saying a damn word more about it. "You just help me find my money, James, and you'll get your cut. But don't ask too many goddam questions."

A deep rift developed between the two men. My father, by nature a deeply suspicious man, grew increasingly worried. "What are we getting ourselves into?" he asked me over and over again. In a few short days the skyjacking had grown from the job of one lonely man to a conspiracy with vast tentacles. Were we already, perhaps, accessories-after-the-fact to a federal crime? But Coffelt took me aside and pleaded: "You've got to keep your father with me. This is my last chance." His biggest worry was that the authorities would finally catch up with him and that he would either be killed or die in a cold prison cell.

Our journey became a battle of wits and emotions in which I was pulled between the two men — taking sides now for one, then for the other — until the loneliness of our quest and the haunting isolation of the vast western expanses began to get us down. My father threatened to abandon the trip and return home. But the desperate Coffelt, with a sinister portent in his voice, counter-threatened: "You know too much already, James."

The end came on July 12, 1974, when we returned to camp after a long day of searching for the bag of money. We had been in the search area for about a week. Coffelt had taken us to the place where he had hit the slope and showed us the broken tree limb he had crashed into. We could still see the long skid marks where his heels had plowed into the loose rocks. Climbing back up the slope he nearly died, coughing up blood and choking horribly as he gasped for air. He and my father had a terrible fight over where we should concentrate the search. My father wanted to start from where Coffelt had landed and backtrack from there. But Coffelt was afraid we would be spotted by forest rangers — a lookout tower was visible in the distance — and he wanted to begin the search farther to the west, in the dense forests at the base of 11,000 ft. Mount Hood. "I know my money's there," he cried angrily. "You're looking in the wrong place." But those forests were so thick with blow-down and debris and tangled underbrush that it was impossible to see one another from ten feet away. Even in broad daylight the forest floor was blanketed with darkness. The chances of spotting a faded bag of money there seemed hopeless.

Coffelt returned to Seattle, claiming he needed to recuperate for a few days. Then, the very next day an astonishing thing happened. While we prepared for dinner a car suddenly appeared on the rutted trail in front of us and sped past. Beside the driver sat a passenger cradling a rifle between his legs. The car's license plates read KANSAS — Coffelt country! Shortly down the trail the car stopped

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abruptly and doors slammed. Then, as darkness enveloped us, we suddenly made out a black pickup truck through the trees behind us. Two men with guns climbed out of it. Everywhere around us we heard whispering voices and footsteps treading the underbrush, coming in our direction. In a panic we jumped in our truck and, guided only by moonlight, sped over the trails while behind us we saw the lights of the two strange vehicles furiously careening through the forest after us. We made it to a paved road and sped south. In two days we were in Las Vegas — my father wanted to take a southerly route to throw the pursuers off our scent — and in four days we were back in Georgia. We sincerely believed that Coffelt had sent the men — perhaps his accomplices — to kill us. Whatever the case, we would never see him again. We had failed in our mission to find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

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The movie executives meeting in Las Vegas were fascinated by the story I told them. They had plans to develop a major motion picture based upon it. But their legal counsel at that time felt that there was not enough solid evidence linking Jack Coffelt to the skyjacking to warrant an investment of millions of dollars. Nevertheless, they decided to press on with a full-fledged investigation and I was assigned to track down leads, interview witnesses, and search for physical evidence in the rugged mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Various trips would take me to the stark mining country of northeastern Oklahoma — Coffelt's boyhood territory — to interview people who knew him there, to the mountains of Oregon on yet another hunt for the lost money, and to Washington D.C., where his many cloudy years spent there would baffle attempts to unravel them.

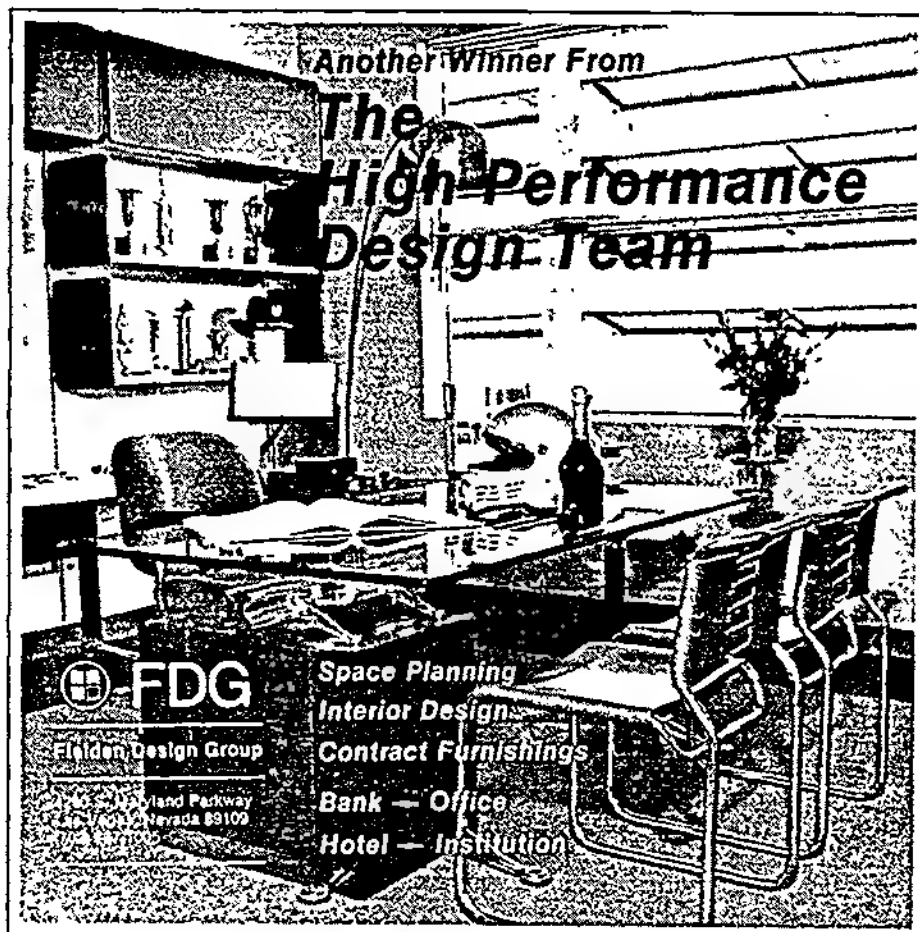
During the next few years the twists and turns of fortune would be many. But with financial assistance from Hollywood, and in close coordination with the Las Vegas FBI, my father and I would uncover astounding evidence to confirm Jack Coffelt's bizarre tale — but not until we learned more incredible news about the mysterious man who claimed to be D.B. Cooper!

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NEXT MONTH: THE INVESTIGATION TAKES ON DRAMATIC PROPORTIONS, ENCOUNTERING OFFICIAL RESISTANCE WHEN NEW INFORMATION IS UNCOVERED ABOUT THE SKYJACKING!

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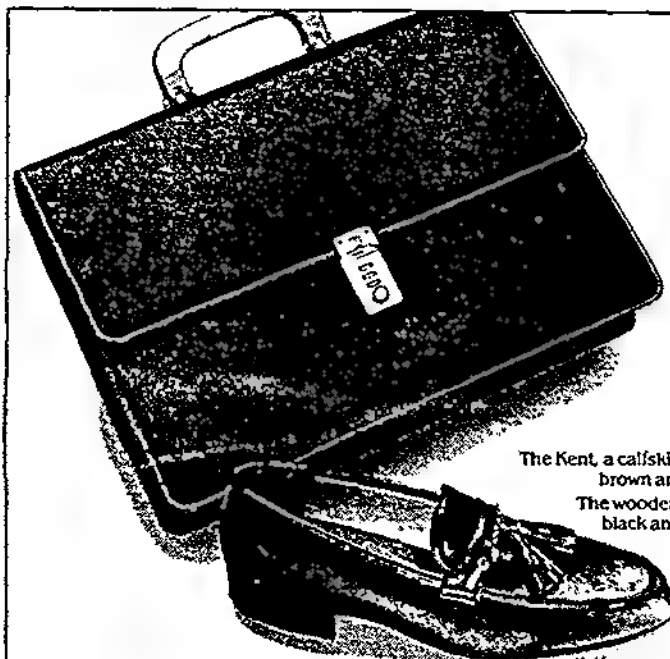
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THE DISCOVERY OF

D.B. COOPER

THE EVIDENCE PART II

by Byron H. Brown

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION:

This month marks the 12th anniversary of a crime which *Time* magazine said, "rivalled Alfred Hitchcock's more baroque fantasies" — the hijacking of a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 enroute from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington by a bomb-wielding man known as D.B. Cooper. After he extorted \$200,000 from the airline and was delivered four parachutes, as the jet headed south from Seattle to Reno, the skyjacker boldly made good a parachute escape and was never seen again.

In our October issue Las Vegas investigative reporter Byron Brown revealed for the first time the true identity of the famous skyjacker. He was Bryant "Jack" Coffelt, a former Leavenworth Penitentiary inmate and life-long con-man, and also a friend of Byron's father, James Brown. In the summer of 1974 Coffelt asked the two to meet him in Joplin, Missouri. From there, they traveled to Oregon with him for the purpose of searching for the \$200,000 ransom he had dropped when one of the parachutes he was wearing during the jump malfunctioned. The dummy chute was only one of many attempts by the authorities to foil the crime.

The three were unsuccessful in their attempt to find the money, but Byron Brown was able to learn many obscure, never-exposed details about the skyjacking from Coffelt. During the next several years he conducted an extensive investigation of his claims, one which resulted in Coffelt's being identified as D.B. Cooper by two eye-witnesses on the hijacked plane. The investigation was a lonely personal odyssey for Brown, who encountered official resistance at every step of the way, perhaps because Coffelt, it turned out, was for many years a Washington D.C. government informant.

Highlights from Brown's investigation, which promises to have far-reaching ramifications, are published for the first time in the following pages of *Las Vegas*. This month, as the town of Ariel, Washington celebrates its annual "D.B. Cooper Festival" in honor of the skyjacker, the participants should be pleased to know that he has finally been discovered. J.E.S.



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(above) The beautiful area around Mt. Hood, Oregon, showing the dense forest where Coffelt dropped the bag of money. (opposite page) "Don't go to Vegas. You never win. Once when I was there I put a nickel in a parking meter and lost my car." — Bryant "Jack" Coffelt. Las Vegas reporter Byron Brown holds a picture of Coffelt, who has been identified as D.B. Cooper.

"So the wrong-doer cannot do wrong without the hidden will of you all." —Kahlil Gibran
The Prophet

America, and especially Las Vegas, is rife with legends of desperate characters who have suddenly struck it rich by forcing the odds, through skill or bluff, to turn in their favor — but few have been as enduringly popular as the lone bandit who heroically jumped from a lumbering jetliner into universal fame and also complete oblivion in the same moment.

He was erroneously called "D.B. Cooper" by a thrilled news media, which saw in his act the fulfillment of every man's secret hopes — even though he spelt his first name as "Dan" on his flight ticket. "D.B. Cooper, Where Are You?" became a kind of call-to-arms for the rebellious young generation during the early 1970's, when "dropping out" was the current fad. Cooper bravely symbolized the new mentality and daringly captured the public fancy with his crime. In an era when traditional heroes were fast dying, Americans had finally found one in a new breed of bandit.

Cooper's was the first and only successful skyjacking for ransom in American history, and largely because of the crime — which occurred on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24, 1971 — and a rash of other skyjackings which followed in its wake, a new era of electronic passenger screening was inaugurated at the nation's airports within a year. Commandeering a plane and threatening to blow innocent people

out of the sky was not an exploit taken lightly by the authorities.

Clearly the crime could have resulted in tragedy, but since the daring skyjacker had not hurt anyone the public preferred to forget its more horrible aspects and instead remembered Cooper fondly as the man who had beat the system while thumbing his nose at authority. The skyjacking took on the aura of myth, Cooper's down-home, simple *nom de guerre* was honored everywhere, and it was hoped by many that he was happily enjoying his \$200,000 in some secret paradisaical haven.

The most erroneous part of the myth which prevailed, it is now apparent, was that Cooper was probably a small-time businessman, or even a timid corporate ladder-climber in the mold of Walter Mitty, who grew disgruntled at the pressures of modern life and decided one day to give it all up, perform a dramatic fool-proof heist, and sail off to Tahiti to spend the rest of his days in peace. Of course he had no real plan: the crime was a lark, a spur-of-the-moment decision to enact a smoldering dream — and if he failed? Then so what? It was worth the risk.

But to many familiar with the case this popular myth seemed entirely unfeasible. There were too many indications that Cooper had planned the job with cool foresight and calculated reason. He knew to the minutest detail technical aspects of the Boeing 727 air-

craft which only a pilot or engineer could possibly know — such as the 15-degree wing-flaps configuration he ordered which restricted the plane's speed to barely 200 miles per hour, and how to put into effect the complicated maneuver of lowering the 727's rear stairway compartment. Also, another aspect which revealed the skyjacker's shrewd planning became clear only after the episode was over. On that Thanksgiving Eve — the day before a major holiday and one on which Northwest Airlines expected capacity loads of vacation travellers — Flight 305, upon departing Portland, was barely one-third full. D.B. Cooper had called in a barrage of phony reservations — fictitious people who never showed — which left virtually the entire back half of the plane all to himself. No one could overpower him and wrest the bomb away. He was in complete control. At the time, some authorities called him a "cool master criminal" and speculated that he must have been an experienced parachutist, possibly even a Green Beret.

The leads were so threadbare — a few cigarette butts were the only personal effects the skyjacker left behind — that the authorities were completely baffled. There was not even a solid clue as to where Cooper bailed out of the plane. The crew recalled feeling a strong "pressure bump" over the Woodland, Washington area twenty miles north of Portland — but even so they never bothered to peer out the cockpit door to see if the skyjacker was gone.

Instead, they flew on for three more hours until landing in Reno for a refueling stop, where it was discovered that Cooper and his \$200,000 ransom had already disappeared into the night.

But it would have been highly impractical for the skyjacker to jump into the Woodland, Washington vicinity, which is dotted by small communities and farms. In view of the intricate planning which had otherwise gone into the crime, it makes little sense that Cooper would bail out there — taking the absurd chance, obviously, of landing in a farmer's apple orchard or a supermarket parking lot. By all appearances, Cooper wanted to survive the jump and escape to spend the money. He may have been at the end of an old rope, but he was also at the beginning of a new and, he hoped, better one.

In the twelve years since the crime occurred not one shred of physical evidence about Cooper himself has ever been uncovered anywhere near Woodland, Washington — not one reported sighting of the ruddy-faced villain nor the rotting remains of a dead body strapped to a parachute discovered lying in the forest there. It is only logical to assume, therefore, that Cooper had without doubt reconnoitered a place where he could touch down safely in the parachute — a place far from scrutiny by either the authorities or amateur sleuths, and one remote enough to hide all traces of the crime or its brazen perpetrator.

Far back in the rugged hinterlands of the Pacific Northwest there exists a site which can only be described as ideal for Cooper to have landed undetected in his parachute. The plains country of central Oregon boasts some of the most beautiful yet hauntingly isolated scenery in America. To the west of the rolling plains the treacherous Cascade Mountains tower thousands of feet into the sky. Nearby, adjoining the forested foothills which line the base of the range, sprawling wheat fields adorn the landscape in a checker-board fashion at random places where a juncture in the hills creates a valley or a smooth table-top plateau suitable for farming.

A few miles west of the ghost town of Friend, Oregon, on the barren wind-swept plains in the north-central part of the state, one of these huge fields — in summer it glows like polished amber with its ripe harvest of wheat — lies abandoned every year after the autumn harvest, a mute testament to the long-ago mysterious skyjacking. In an unused farmhouse in the center of the field, the charred remains of bales of hay still litter the floor where someone threw them hastily years ago. A deputy sheriff in the area remembered it well: "About a week before that skyjacking there were strange fires up here," he told me. "Some local ranchers called me out to find out what was going on. I

THE PICTURES WHICH SPOKE A THOUSAND WORDS...

"O, that a man might know

The end of this day's business, ere it come!" —William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar



Coffelt's Leavenworth Penitentiary mugshots were almost impossible to obtain. When the records clerk at that Kansas prison was contacted, he said that there was no record ever of Bryant "Jack" Coffelt having been admitted to Leavenworth Penitentiary.

My father remembered two aliases that Coffelt had used when he knew him in Atlanta

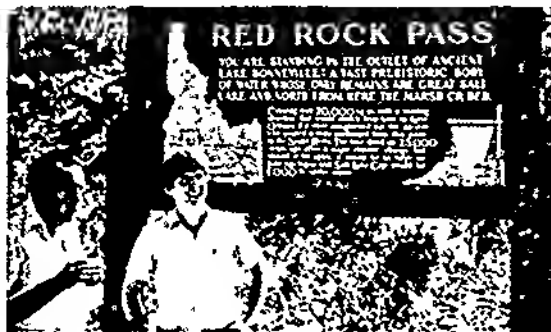
Penitentiary: "John Hardy, Jr." and "J. C. Ross." When the records clerk at Leavenworth was asked to check his file for these aliases, he found a cross-reference under the name of "John Hardy, Jr." which directed him to the file of "J. C. Ross." Under that fictitious name, all of Jack Coffelt's records were contained — one might say *hidden*.

Anyone inquiring about Coffelt's years at Leavenworth who did not know his aliases would encounter a stone wall.

A source close to the Carter Administration, one having intimate knowledge of the policies of the United States Attorney General's office, told me: "A federal prisoner is sentenced to the 'custody of the Attorney General of the United States.' We can put him up in a motel room for his entire sentence if we want to." This Carter Administration "insider" finally managed to retrieve for us Coffelt's files from both Atlanta Penitentiary and Leavenworth.

Seattle attorney George LeBissoniere, who also identified my 1974 snapshots, claims that he identified Coffelt's Leavenworth photos as D.B. Cooper for the FBI six weeks after the skyjacking. "The FBI never called back," LeBissoniere told me. Florence Schaffner also identified both the Leavenworth photos and my 1974 snapshots of Coffelt as Cooper, and has always believed that the FBI composite drawings of Cooper were "wrong." (See pp. 81-82) The former stewardess, who sat beside Cooper for over two hours, said that the FBI artist who drew the composites failed to follow her instructions concerning Cooper's true features. Even before she saw my photographs of Coffelt, she described Cooper to me as having a "longer, fuller face" than the FBI composites showed, with a hairline "not nearly as receding." (LeBissoniere and Schaffner both have preserved their testimony on videotape.)

My 1974 snapshots are the only photographs (other than his prison mugshots) known to exist of Jack Coffelt. He was, after all, a man who did not want his picture taken. B.H.B.



(top) Coffelt's Leavenworth mugshots; (above) 1974 snapshots of Coffelt with Byron and James Brown.

found these bales of hay, and some others along the edge of the field, piled up and smoldering. I thought smugglers were running drugs in here and using the fires as ground-pattern lights for a small airplane."

But the forest trails surrounding the huge field provided impenetrable refuge for whoever was there, and the deputy sheriff captured no one. After the skyjacking, he recalled, the mysterious fires ceased. According to Jack Coffelt, who led me to the field in 1974, the bales of hay had been set afire to help guide him to a safe landing in the parachute in the dark. He and his accomplice, he explained, had practiced their escape maneuvers during the nights immediately preceding the skyjacking.

But the scene on those vast tundra ranges grows even more compelling. A few miles south of the field, near an Indian reservation, lies a small man-made lake called Pine Hollow Reservoir. On one shore of the tiny lake stand a few small, dilapidated, privately-owned cabins which have been rented out to wayworn travellers for as long as people can remember. The place is secluded and peaceful, and amidst the little group of weather-beaten buildings, with the austere peak of Mount Hood reflected in the crystalline lake nearby, one feels utterly anonymous. But there is an extraordinary and baffling curiosity here: on the porch of one of the ancient structures stands a Navy battleship beacon capable of emitting a beam of light which can be seen well over a hundred miles!

The day I discovered it the beacon's glass face — nearly three feet in diameter — was resting on a steel swivel plate that was frozen solid with rust. Strangely, it was aimed on the compass reading which directed it towards Coffelt's landing field in the hills a few miles to the north! None of the locals recalls how the huge beacon came to arrive there, but Jack Coffelt told me in 1974 that he ordered the pilot of Flight 305 to "home in on a huge beacon" located south of the landing field — even though he never took me to where the beacon was eventually found.

The real reason I went to Pine Hollow Reservoir was because Jack informed me cagily, "The getaway car — my Cadillac — was parked beside a lake near an Indian reservation," as he pointed to the plains south of the landing site to indicate the general area. But he distinctly appeared to want to avoid that area, as if he thought someone there might recognize him. When I finally found the beacon there I was immensely impressed by the clear — indeed beautiful — design which its secret location revealed. As I gazed at the small enclave of cabins huddled together in that remote hideaway on the plains, it seemed the perfect place for his accomplice to have waited, with walkie-talkie in hand, for Jack to radio him that he had finally touched down in the



The wheat field where Coffelt intended to land. He missed the field by one mile, landing in the canyon at upper right. His jeep was parked in the forests directly above the wheat field.

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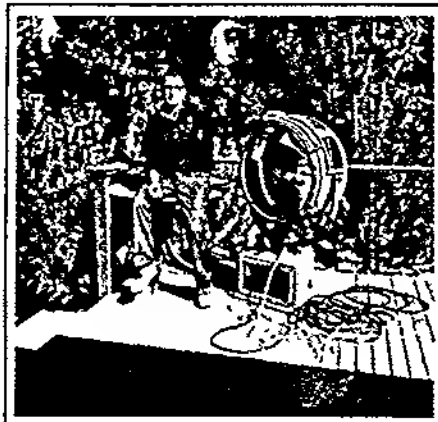
parachute. The confederate would then merely shut off the signal light, drive the few short miles to the landing site where he would pick up Jack, and from there the two would speed east across the plains.

In case something fouled up, however, there was an alternate plan. Coffelt suspected chase planes would follow the skyjacked jetliner, and his hunch was right. Military fighter jets from McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington tailed the aircraft, but kept overshooting it and finally had to turn back. Also, a C-130 cargo plane loaded with paratroopers lumbered behind hoping to see the skyjacker bail out — at which point the paratroopers planned to follow suit and try to capture him on the ground. But the cargo plane's radar

failed to pick up the falling skyjacker.

Nevertheless, in anticipation of possible ground pursuit, Coffelt had stashed a World War Two Army jeep in the woods. The jeep was equipped with food and water, and was stationed high in the foothills a few miles west of the landing field. In case he was pursued on the ground he would bury the money, make his way to the jeep and from there maneuver the vehicle far down obscure forest trails to a cave-like hideout, lying low until the heat was off. The accomplice operating the Cadillac would stand by, passing the days quietly as just another tourist at the lonesome but tranquil cabins at Pine Hollow Reservoir — until the time was ripe for their escape. Then the two would rendezvous, retrieve the buried money, discard the jeep into a nearby river and set out in the Cadillac for their Midwestern haven. "It was the perfect crime," Coffelt told me. "We planned for every possibility."

Accordingly, the Army jeep served a dual



At Pine Hollow Reservoir, James Brown sits beside the beacon which directed the plane to the remote landing site.

purpose. In addition to serving as a back-up getaway vehicle, the jeep was stationed strategically to aid in the jump itself — it carried an electronic beeper which emitted a signal on a special radio frequency. As the skyjacked plane headed south from Seattle, Coffelt, listening through a receiver strapped to his wrist for the signal coming from the jeep, planned to jump when it was two or three pitches from its loudest intensity — a point at which he would be roughly a mile due north of the jeep itself, and from there he could easily float down-wind in the parachute to a pin-point landing on the field at the edge of the plains.

No trace of the jeep has ever been found. The Deschutes River, where according to Coffelt it was plunged into the waters and destroyed with dynamite, is extremely treacherous to divers due to its raging currents and rocky bottom, so the possibility of finding its remains there is remote. But a fascinating shred of evidence that such a jeep existed and was used in the skyjacking has been uncovered like a rare archaeological find.

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A retired U.S. Forest Service agent accompanied me to the place where Coffelt showed me he had stashed the World War Two Army jeep in the dense forests at the base of Mount Hood. Faded tire tracks were still visible where a vehicle had been backed into a stand of small maple trees years ago. A pile of rotted brushwood lay off to one side — the maple branches which Coffelt claimed he had used to camouflage the jeep. The expert forester immediately noticed a young tree growing through one of the tire tracks which revealed a past injury — an elbow hook disfigurement at its base which indicated the tree had been severely crushed by a heavy object years earlier. He sawed through the disfigured area and later analyzed the small segment at the agency laboratory. Amazingly, the annual growth rings — which record every event in a tree's life in a kind of fossilized record — revealed that the sapling had been damaged in the autumn of 1971 — the time of the skyjacking!



A cross-section of the maple sapling which was found at the place where Coffelt's jeep was parked. The growth rings reveal that the tree was damaged in the fall of 1971.

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Even though such intricate planning was involved in the heist — Coffelt claimed he had spent eleven months and \$10,000 of his own money just setting it up — the crime ended in abysmal failure and nearly death for Coffelt himself! He could not possibly have foreseen, however, the raging intensity of the thunderstorms which descended upon the Cascades that night when he boarded the plane in Portland. In the Pacific Northwest, thunderhead clouds often rush inland from the ocean and envelope the mountains in a matter of minutes with violent force. Because of the storms, he was forced to descend the rear stairwell of the 727 earlier than planned in order to try to spot the signal fires on the landing field below him through the swirling cloud mass. The plane, plunging through the night like a battleship at a mere 200 miles per hour, and maintaining the 10,000 feet altitude he had ordered the pilot to stick to, was being buffeted by severe turbulence.

Coffelt, burdened by the two parachutes and the 25-pound sack of money looped over his arm, was having trouble holding onto the wide-flanged handrail of the stairway. He was craning his neck, peering under the starboard wing into the darkness ahead while struggling to hear the beeper signal from the hidden jeep through the radio receiver strapped to his wrist when all of a sudden, before he was fully prepared, the plane jolted in turbulence, he stumbled helplessly and was violently sucked out by the ferocious windstream, desperately trying to hold onto the money while falling head over heels into the murky oblivion!

Unknown to him, the authorities at Seattle had provided him with an inoperative chute — a sport-type demonstration model that had been sewn up. It was the one he was now wearing on his chest! After repeated attempts

to deploy this chest pack failed, he finally managed to get the military parachute on his back to open, but when the reserve chute's large 28-foot canopy billowed into the cross-current winds (in fact, according to experienced parachutists it was a miracle that it opened at all) he was hit by such a severe jolt that the bag of money slipped out of his arms and tumbled away into the darkness. To cap his awesome misfortune — the signal fires on the landing field below were nowhere to be seen! He had dived from the plane far too early. The landing field was still miles ahead! Far in the distance, through the dark sea of clouds, he could see the bright swath cut by the huge beacon light at Pine Hollow Reservoir — where his accomplice waited in vain. But soon, as he descended into a canyon, even that light disappeared.

Completely enveloped in a nightmare of darkness, he only realized he was at last hitting the ground when he crashed through the splintering, phantom-like branches of a hillside tree. He hit the slope blindly at nearly thirty miles per hour and was dashed into the rocks! But he had made it. He was down. And as he told me

later: "I came back to life at that first shocked breath. I wanted desperately to live!"

Almost semi-conscious, he had terrifying visions of paratroopers from the C-130 cargo pursuit plane alighting like ghosts on the slope around him. Before he had tumbled from the 727 he had seen the chase plane's search lights scanning the cloud mass behind him. Frantically, he gathered the surging folds of the parachute's wind-tossed canopy around his bleeding legs — the bright material was flapping wildly like a huge crippled moth straining to free itself — and compacted the reckless mass into a shallow depression he had clawed in the dirt. Then he placed the sport-type chest chute on top of this mass and sprayed the pile with a magnesium compound from an aerosol can and set it afire with a cigarette lighter. The nylon fabric was instantly consumed by the flames, melting like a mirage into the ground before his dazed eyes. Groping his way, he stumbled down the pitch-black slope in severe pain because, upon landing, he had squarely hit a tree limb between his legs and punched his chest on one of the tree's sharp branches.

It took him fifteen hours to make his way out of the vast canyon lined with sheer rock-faced cliffs that he had fallen into. He spent the longest and most arduous night of his life desperately clawing his way through tangled underbrush and climbing over jutting boulders to finally see brilliant sunshine on a clear Thanksgiving Day morning, and feel "to the depths of my spirit" as he told me later, "a new appreciation for everything around me that was alive." The eerie neon glow of startled eyes revealing lurking cougars and timber wolves, and the ferocious menacing cries of the wild animals terrified him that night like demons, he told me. The experience in that awesome necropolis of nature would haunt him always.

Today, the canyon remains as remote and undisturbed as it has been for centuries. Twenty miles to the east farmlands begin, where wheat and alfalfa grow peacefully under turquoise summer skies. Occasionally a tractor can be made out against the magnificent backdrop of verdant mountain forests by the dust it raises while furrowing a field on the plains nearby. No one knows the incredible drama which took place in those rugged hinterlands over a decade ago. Life goes on there as placidly, it seems, as the ageless mountains themselves.

The lost bag containing \$200,000 still lies somewhere in those vast and secretive forests waiting for the day when some treasure hunter may stumble across it. Coffelt said that before he leaped from the plane — in case he himself were killed in the jump so that his accomplice would be able to find his body and retrieve the loot — he had stuffed a small electronic transmitter inside the bag before tying it

up. All through that long desperate night he had been haunted by the weakening signal coming through his wrist receiver from the bag of money. Once even, succumbing to merciless hallucinations that the bag was lying just over a nearby ridge, he backtracked thinking he must try to find it. But then he came to his senses and continued on towards the increasing clarity of the other signal, the one droning steadily from the hidden jeep, which now provided his only opportunity for a safe getaway.

Time seems ageless in the mountains. After years have passed the same landmarks still appear unchanged. When the money finally is found it will be by chance and not design, for Nature reveals her secrets sparingly as I have learned before. In the spring of 1977 I journeyed to that remote area once again and witnessed time itself standing still, as if it had been waiting forever for my visit! I came, with my father and two other men, to search for any remains that may have been left from the hasty and obscure events which occurred on that barren mountainside so long ago. The wind howls forever in that canyon, even when there are no storms. A mood of failure perpetually lingers there.

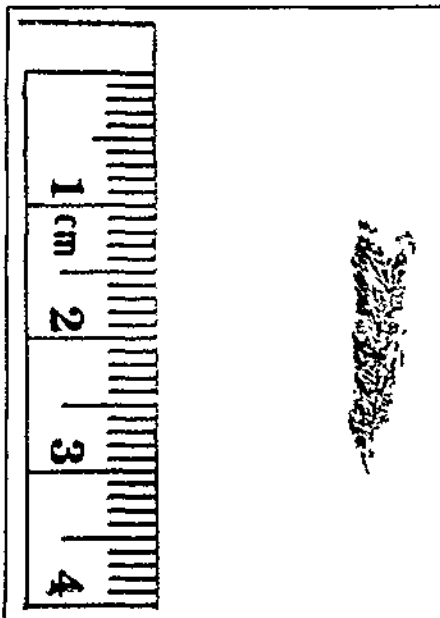
We searched the slope for half a day, but found nothing. The late afternoon sun, rapidly falling behind the surrounding cliffs, was casting an eerie orange glow through the trees as it suddenly turned bitterly cold. Finally, just before leaving, I tilted one last shovel-full of dirt when I suddenly realized that I was standing over the very spot where three years earlier, in 1974, Jack Coffelt showed me he had destroyed his parachute. Something in the fading sky felt hauntingly unreal to me as I noticed lying in the freshly-exposed dirt a white piece of cord about the length of a cigarette! I reached down to pick up the cord, but when I touched the edges three-quarters of it blew away instantly! The fine white ashes melted into the darkening sky like filaments of a seeding dandelion. Everything was silent but the wind. As if in a dream, I realized that I was holding a tiny piece of the cord in my fingertips.

My companions and I began furiously digging in stark amazement. We immediately found a larger patch of the same type fabric (which looked somewhat like snake skin, and must have been a fold of the parachute) lying just beneath the topsoil, but it too turned to ashes and melted in the churning wind! The canyon echoed the surging gusts like an amphitheater, drowning out the faint whisper of the past that had been so fleetingly revealed to me by the mountains. Jack Coffelt, a man who always strived to cover his tracks, had apparently stepped in one of them on that night long ago, crushing a parachute shroud line into the dirt beneath his boot where it escaped total destruction by the flames. Indeed, the cord I retrieved still shows charred markings from that

moment in 1971 when Jack briefly illuminated the night sky with his fire.

After our return to Las Vegas, my father and I submitted the tiny piece of material to a local forensic lab used by the police and FBI — Atlas Chemical Testing Laboratories on Highland Drive in Las Vegas. There, under 300-times magnification the piece of material was identified as "NYLON CORDING"—*identical to the type used in parachutes!*

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The fragment of parachute cord which Byron Brown found in the remote canyon where Coffelt landed. The cord was burned and contains carbon deposits.

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In 1974, as my father and I travelled with Jack through remote areas of the West (we took backroads, staying away from major cities because Jack said "law people" were on the lookout for him) we were forced to pry information from him against his will. He had only one design for us, to lead us to the place where he lost the money so that we could search for it, if need be for the entire summer. But as we

pressured him for more information about the crime, details which were starkly different from published accounts of the skyjacking, we began to fear that we were merely pawns in a dangerous game conducted by sinister elements. Parts of his story were so far-fetched — he threw out many red-herrings to steer us away from the truth, and claimed that a vast cover-up of the crime was being conducted by the government — that we grew increasingly paranoid as we travelled through rugged mountains and across lonesome canyonlands with the raggedly-desperate man. But as the trip wore on we learned many new and startling details about the crime that would later be verified by witnesses.

One of the most obscure features of his narrative concerned Coffelt's insistence that our search was for a green bag filled with money — not the white canvas mail bag which, according to news accounts, the authorities had delivered to him at Seattle-Tacoma Airport. When pressed to explain this discrepancy, Jack said that he took the green bag out of the briefcase which contained his bomb, and hoping that this green "rubberized" bag, as he called it, would prevent the money from getting wet and rotting in case he were pursued on the ground and had to bury it, slipped the canvas mail sack full of money into it. Then he selected one of the four parachutes which appeared the least trustworthy and tore it open, cutting the shroud lines off of it with a long, thin-bladed knife. He then wrapped the shroud lines tightly around the top of the green protective bag, leaving a loop in the cords for his arm to go through. He would hold the money in the crook of his elbow as he leaped from the plane.

At this point the jetliner had left Seattle and was heading south toward Reno. At Seattle he had allowed all of the passengers and two of the stewardesses to leave the plane, keeping a sole hostage — stewardess Tina Mucklow — with him in the back. As soon as the plane took flight he reached in the bag of money, he boastfully recounted, and grabbing a handful of the loot offered it to Tina Mucklow. "Take it, Honey," he cajoled, "they don't pay you enough!" — playing his tough-guy Bogart role, romantic and wry at the same time with just a trace of embarrassed compassion. But "the pretty little blonde," as Jack described her, refused the loot, telling him she almost certainly would be given a lie detector test.

Nevertheless, Jack placed the money on a nearby seat, thinking she might change her mind and later take it. She didn't, and shortly afterwards, just a few minutes before jumping, he threw the small bundle of money out the back of the plane along with his briefcase and other items that he no longer needed. By then he had already tied up the bag of money, and since he was wearing thick thermal underwear there was nowhere to stuff the small bundle of cash into his tight-fitting clothes, so he reluc-

THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER, AND A SMOKING GUN...

The time was February, 1980.

The prince was eight-year-old Brian Ingram. While on a fishing expedition and cookout with his parents, young Ingram was sent to fetch some sticks to start a fire. Instead, he found a few thousand dollars worth of rotted \$20 bills. The boy had discovered them lying on a sand bar beside the Columbia River a few miles north of Portland, Oregon. The FBI later determined that the serial numbers of the bills matched some of those given D.B. Cooper!

... The pauper was Jack Coffelt, who unfortunately dropped the bulk of his \$200,000 farther to the southeast, near Mt. Hood. How did over \$5,000 worth of his stolen loot end up on the banks of the Columbia River near Portland? Like everything else about this bizarre case, the leads proved as mysterious as the crime itself. Portland FBI Agent Ralph Himmelsbach, in overall charge of the D.B. Cooper investigation, said, "It is mind-boggling where the money was located."

Indeed.

Ever since the skyjacking occurred in late 1971, the FBI concentrated its search for Cooper around the town of Woodland, Washington — an area between 10 and 25 miles north of where young Ingram found the badly decomposed bills. The crew of the skyjacked plane had informed the FBI that a series of strong "pressure bumps" occurred directly over Woodland, suggesting that Cooper bailed out there. Also, a red warning light had gone on in the cabin, indicating that the 727's rear stairway had been lowered. But after Brian Ingram's find, according to UPI press dispatches, "the location of the money . . . caused the FBI to reconsider its calculations."

Cooper, it became clear, could not possibly have bailed out over Woodland since part of his money was later discovered far south of there! The perplexed authorities were forced to admit that they spent years conducting a wild goose chase. As Jack Coffelt often used to say, "If I'm lying, God's a possum."

But there was another problem. Originally, it was thought that the plane had veered west of Portland on its southbound flight, but the location of the rotted money, which FBI Agent Himmelsbach shrewdly noted "must have tumbled and rolled along the bottom of the Columbia River," proved without a doubt that the plane flew east of Portland — exactly as Jack Coffelt insisted! The wide and sedate Columbia flows from east to west; the money could not possibly have floated against the current.

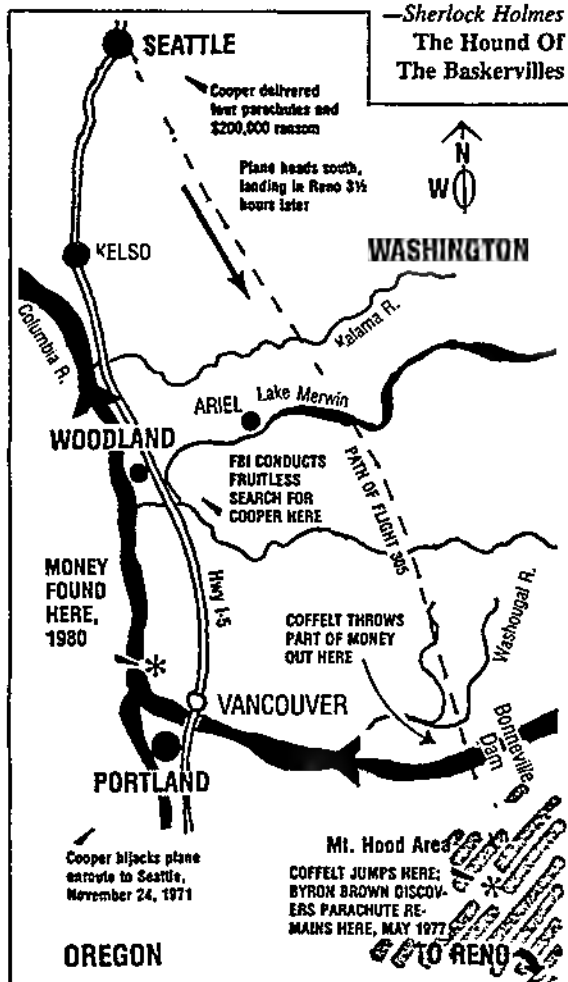
Jack Coffelt claimed that he threw a few bundles — perhaps \$4,000 or \$5,000 worth, he said — of the ransom money out the back of the plane over the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River, after stewardess Tina Mucklow refused to accept it. Nine years later, Brian Ingram apparently had found that money. But he was unaware of the importance of his discovery. The find at last provided proof that the plane had flown east of Portland, and also shot a gaping hole right through the FBI's belief that Cooper never made it to Oregon!

On that sand bar beside the river, the astonished boy did not realize that he was holding a white-hot smoking gun...

B.H.B.

"And yet, my dear Watson, there is so very close a connection that the one is extracted out of the other."

— Sherlock Holmes
The Hound Of The Baskervilles



tantly tossed it out over a "brightly-lit hydro-electric dam" — the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. Incredibly, nine years later, in February 1980, the bundle of cash would be discovered lying in a sand bar beside the river — the soggy bills revealing serial numbers which matched the ones given D.B. Cooper! (See sidebar)

But Jack was not yet through with the frightened young woman, who to this day still appears mesmerized by the skyjacker. Standing with only her in the empty corridor at the rear of the plane, he approached her and, as Jack put it, "felt her up a bit." She sensed his loneliness and fear and whispered consoling words, trying to calm him, but he told her, sadly, "I have nothing to lose." His swaggering account to us: "She was the last woman I may have seen in my life! I wanted her to have something, you know, to remember me by."

Original press accounts of the skyjacking, and public statements by the FBI, never reported these intricate details: nothing about a green bag, nothing about Cooper offering Tina Mucklow part of the ransom money or his using a knife with a long, thin blade to cut up the shroud lines from one of the parachutes was ever mentioned — except by Jack Coffelt. The authorities did reveal however (as if they were puzzled by the find) that cut-up parachute shroud lines were discovered lying on the floor in the back of the plane when it landed in Reno.

But at a meeting with her in San Diego in 1977, Tina Mucklow confirmed each one of these obscure details — especially noting the green bag, which she thought was made of glossy paper or plastic, folded in a corner of Cooper's briefcase. Before he slipped the mail sack full of money into the green bag he ordered her forward into the cockpit. He did not want her to observe this move in case she informed the authorities, who might then be able to decipher his actions, which were designed to confuse any ground pursuers. Jack said that in case he were chased on the ground he would



Stewardess Tina Mucklow sits beside Captain William Scott of Flight 305. Mucklow confirmed every one of Coffelt's details about the crime.

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Coffelt placed the money in a green bag like the one shown above, then tied up the bag with parachute shroud lines.

pretend to be one of the searchers, flashing his government ID to anyone who might question him, a green FBI badge with his name on it, in fact, which he showed me in 1974!

Tina watched him tear open one of the parachutes and cut the shroud lines off of it using a long, thin-bladed knife which according to her "looked like a dagger." She recalled that he nervously chain-smoked Raleigh cigarettes (Raleighs were Coffelt's favorite brand) and also admitted that Cooper offered her a handful of the loot, digging into the bag of money and shoving the small bundle at her, insisting that she take it. But when she was delicately prompted about whether the skyjacker had touched her "in any way," she flushed heavily and averted her eyes before answering faintly, "He may have made a pass at me." Many years had passed, but scars still remained from this ugly incident involving the desperate bandit who briefly but dramatically entered her life, then disappeared into total mystery again. She clearly remembered his hushed words, though, words which seemed to haunt her still—"I have nothing to lose" — the same phrase that Jack Coffelt repeated to me many times during our lonely journey together in 1974.

Even though Tina Mucklow confirmed every one of Coffelt's details about these hectic and obscure events which occurred as the plane headed south from Seattle, she was not in fact the person who had observed him most carefully that night. As his sole hostage at that point, she remained with Cooper for only a few short minutes as he frantically prepared to jump and attempted to lower the 727's rear stairway compartment, a period in which she was scared half to death. Since he had demanded four parachutes, the terrified crew, especially Tina herself, thought that he was planning to force at least one of them to bail out with him! Tina remembers these horrifying moments like the sordid images of a long-

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Florence Schaffner, the stewardess who accepted Cooper's ransom note, was a complete enigma to me. For years, she remained unavailable to the news media. ... She claimed that she had been warned never to talk to anyone about the skyjacking.

lingering nightmare. Since she never saw the ruddy-faced, heavy-accented skyjacker without his dark sun glasses on, she was unable to identify my 1974 snapshots of Coffelt.

There was another stewardess, however, who during the long flight from Portland to Seattle before she was released there by him (the plane circled high above Sea-Tac Airport for nearly two-and-a-half hours waiting for the ransom and four parachutes to be collected) was able to observe Cooper very closely, indeed intimately. In fact, the two even carried on a casual and sometimes enraptured conversation for much of that time.

Florence Schaffner, the stewardess who initially accepted Cooper's ransom note, (naively believing it to be a proposition) was a complete enigma to me. For years, judging from various news accounts of the skyjacking that I had researched, she remained completely unavailable to the newsmedia. Indeed, I had the distinct impression that she was being kept under some sort of "wraps" by the authorities. Even reporters from *Time* magazine and the *Washington Post* had been unable to contact her. She always remained mysteriously aloof from the wave of publicity generated in the skyjacking's aftermath.

Immediately after the crime she dropped completely out of sight and the public soon forgot, or was never even aware, that for over two hours that night she dutifully attended the "terribly lonesome man," as she described Cooper to me, rushing to bring him coffee and snacks, listening politely to his sad, vague ramblings suggestive of a checkered past and innocently wishing him, "Good luck . . . I hope you make it."

"Is there anything more that I can do for you?" she remembers asking Cooper when the plane finally touched down in Seattle. "Do you want me to leave now, or would you like

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So even though some ominous mystique still hangs over Henderson within the cloud (for even if it's totally safe, it still is there and people are ever aware of its presence), it apparently is no more than a distraction. Gary Johnson, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, who has been a Henderson resident for 15 years and helped develop Clark County air quality information as a member of the County Citizens' Environmental Advisory Board, indicates that all studies done to date that list air alert areas in Southern Nevada don't even mention Henderson.

Now discussions of this seemingly tiny community (it actually is the largest city in Nevada, area-wise covering 70 square miles) revolve around the growth taking place there.

Henderson started out as a mining town called Basic Townsite, built by the government just prior to World War II to support the miners working at a plant constructed in a joint effort between the U.S. and England to manufacture magnesium. The town is now a thriving Las Vegas suburb.

The area was first selected for the plant in the early 1940's because of its proximity to hydro-power from Lake Mead and Hoover Dam. Nearby was an ore-mining site, as was the newly flourishing city of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Gunnery Range (now Nellis Air Force Base). The spot was also a watering stop for the Union Pacific Railroad.

After the war, the magnesium stock-piled and the plant was closed. The Federal Government was ready to dismantle the little town around it. Local businessmen who had made a home there decided to establish a Chamber of Commerce and keep the community alive. They renamed it Henderson for Nevada's U.S. Senator Charles B. Henderson, in January of 1944.

Henderson's largest period of growth took place in the 1960's and 70's, until the economy slowed down. In fact, one local bank ran an article in its in-house publication that contained a study by the Federal Government predicting that Henderson, if the growth pattern of the city of 30,000 continued on its course, would come within 12,000 of the population of Las Vegas by the year 2,000. That prediction might have to be updated though, as the study was done before the economic slowdown of the late 70's.

With the economy now improving however, Henderson is once again on its quiet growth surge. Prior to the slowdown the largest section of growth was the western portion of the town with the flourishing Green Valley area supplying beautiful housing and much of the shopping facilities for local residents.

That area has also been the most prestigious, due to established businesses like Nick's Supper Club, the Boulder City Theater, and Timet, which have been joined in recent years by big name industries including Levi Straus,

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The northern area is most recently beginning to grow rapidly, with U.S. Homes doing a great deal of building, a new shopping mall going up with a new Senior Citizens Center adjacent to it, and the Henderson Convalescent Center with a 120-bed facility under construction.

With the recent completion of the new Convention Center, Henderson is also about to embark upon a \$5 million Boulder Highway beautification project, which will benefit surrounding local communities as well.

The highway project includes planting greenery along the sides and center of the roadway from Sunset Road to Horizon Drive.

Parks and bicycle and pedestrian paths are also in the plans.

It is reported that the Funk family of Arizona, owners of Las Vegas Downs dog racing track, is planning to reopen the facility.

There is also a rumor going around Henderson that seems to be more than just idle talk. It concerns the possibility of building a large hotel/casino in Henderson, something the town fathers know is the most needed commodity there. And, the names mentioned of those possibly interested are impressive indeed, with the Sahara/Hacienda Hotels' Paul Lowden included among them.

If that were to happen, it could only mean more growth and prosperity in the biggest little town in Nevada: Henderson . . . of course!



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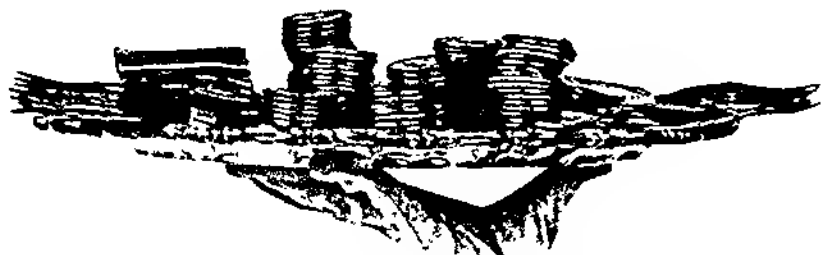
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me to stay with you?" Almost no one was aware that Florence actually believed that she herself, instead of Tina Mucklow, should have remained with Cooper as his hostage when the plane headed south from Seattle towards Reno because she felt that she had grown to know and understand him, in however strange a way. "He told me, like a spirit," she said with poignant nostalgia in her voice, "that I probably sat beside him somewhere else a hundred years ago." Florence, it is true, developed a profound sympathy for the lonely man while trying to comfort him in the back of the plane.

Dr. Dick Simmons, a psychologist specializing in the field of abnormal perceptions, was on the flight but stole only a cursory glance at Cooper. Simmons pointed out that the further people get away from an event the more they are inclined to remember it the way they think it should have been. This is why some people reported Cooper as being no more than 45 years old, he felt, since skyjacking is not regarded as an occupation for the middle-aged. But this qualification would not necessarily apply in the case of Florence Schaffner, since she had spent so much time with Cooper and had obviously seen him clearly. Indeed, Florence would be an ideal witness, especially in view of her compassionate feelings for Cooper and her rapt attention to even minor details about him.

After weeks of searching for her I finally found Florence Schaffner, and after winning her confidence (she claimed that she had been warned never to talk to *anyone* about the skyjacking and reluctantly declined to allow us to publish her photograph with this article) was able to learn many new and surprising facts about the crime, startling details which proved increasingly disturbing. To begin with, according to Florence, the FBI composite



The FBI composite drawing of D.B. Cooper showing him veiled behind the dark sun glasses he wore part of the time.

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According to Florence, the FBI drawings of Cooper were "misleading" and "erroneous."... The pretty half-Filipino stewardess took one look at my photographs of Jack Coffelt and gasped, "It's him! My God, it's him!"

pictures of D.B. Cooper that had been widely circulated in the press were, in fact, misleading and erroneous drawings. As she explained with a hint of lingering scornfulness, "The man had much fuller cheeks, and his hairline was not nearly as receding as shown by the composite pictures. I kept telling that FBI artist that his pictures were wrong . . . but he would not listen to me!"

This startling claim was the first hint ever by an unwilling participant in the skyjacking that the official version of the crime has been erroneous from the beginning. Florence then went on to confirm another aspect of Jack Coffelt's story that had long puzzled me. "Cooper took off his street shoes and put on a pair of boots," she affirmed. Jack Coffelt, in 1974, had insisted that he changed into a pair of boots on the plane. But press accounts, quoting the FBI, had long ridiculed the "hill-billy skyjacker" for jumping out in normal



This FBI composite drawing of D.B. Cooper, and the one on the preceding page, were widely circulated in the press.

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street clothes. In fact, much of the FBI's long-standing belief that Cooper died in the jump is based on exactly this point, for after all, wearing only thin oxford slippers, how could he possibly survive the gruelling landing somewhere in the rugged forests of the Pacific Northwest? But the FBI never even bothered, it seems, to question Florence Schaffner thoroughly.

The stewardess related many other relatively minor points which nevertheless confirmed to the last detail Jack Coffelt's version of the crime. According to Florence, Cooper was — just as Coffelt had said — the last person to board the plane at Portland. Florence said that she actually had to fetch him from where he was peering out the terminal windows and lead him to the entrance-way of the plane. Coffelt told me that as he was peering out the terminal windows, watching for a Brinks truck that was supposed to deliver several million dollars — the real target of the skyjacking — in unmarked currency to the cargo hold of the 727, he "almost got left behind." In fact, when the Brinks truck failed to arrive as scheduled he was standing there deliberating whether or not to go ahead with the skyjacking when the girl approached him. It was then that he decided to demand the \$200,000 for himself, his modest cut of the few million dollars that was to have been divided among other conspirators. Florence remembered that Cooper was well-dressed, wearing an old-fashioned black suit as Coffelt had claimed, not a "brown" or "dark" one as press accounts have always reported. And she also recalled that he wore white gloves, verifying Coffelt's claim that he wore gloves to avoid leaving fingerprints.

Her memory of that night was so clear, in fact, that in a most surprising development Florence insisted that she forgot to relay Cooper's request that the ransom money be collected in \$20 bills; he refused to accept any other denomination. "I completely forgot about that part," she said. "I was so scared at the beginning of the whole thing." However, if no denomination is specified it is standard procedure for the FBI to deliver such ransom money in larger bills, 50's or 100's, since they are much easier to trace. But even though Florence forgot to tell anyone, Cooper was nevertheless delivered the ransom money in \$20 bills by those on the ground!

These perplexing and darkly disturbing details faded into the background, however, when Florence at last provided major new evidence in the case. When I finally found her in July of 1977, the pretty, half-Filipino stewardess, who was then working for Frontier Airlines in Denver, took one look at my photographs of Jack Coffelt, her mouth dropped open, and she gasped, "Oh my God! Where did you get those? I never thought I would see that face again! It's him! My God, it's him!"

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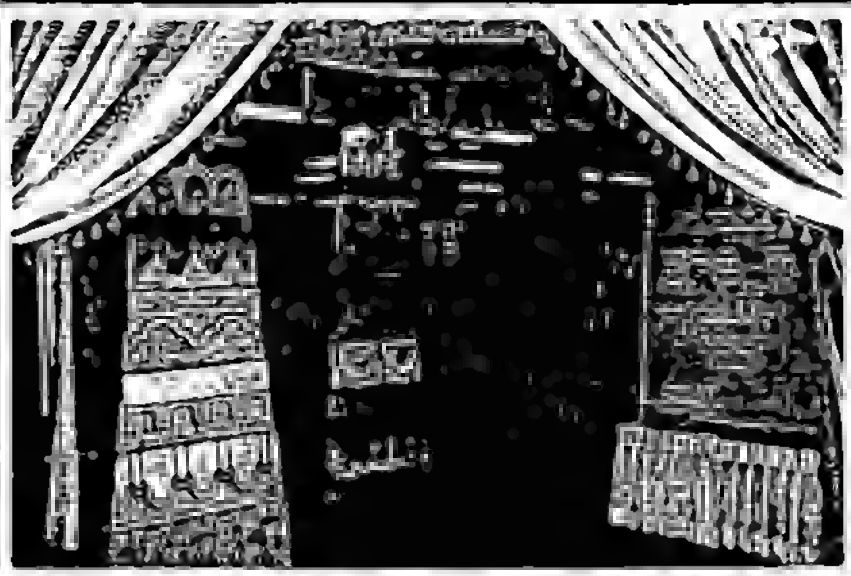
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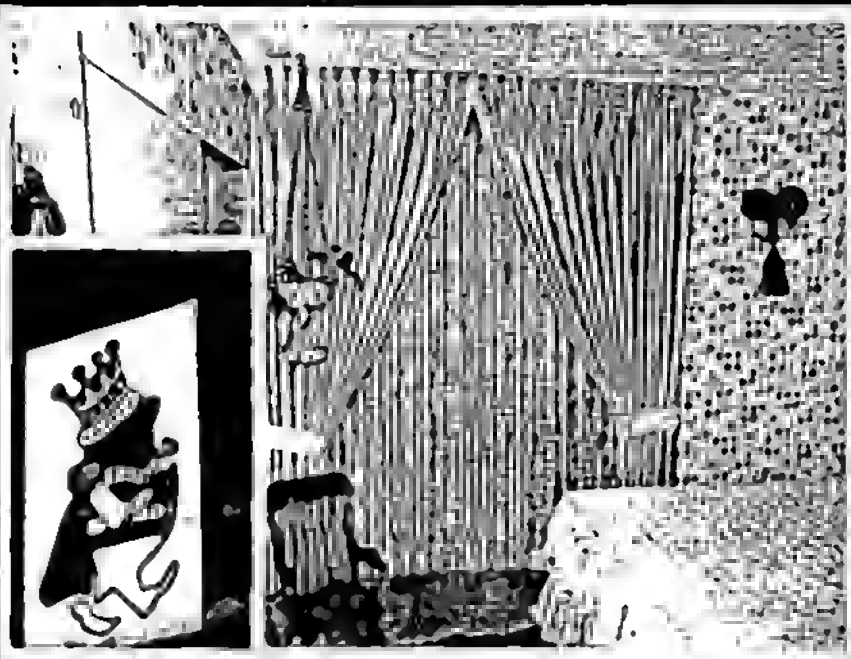
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James Brown (l.) and Jack Coffelt at Bannock, Montana during their 1974 journey to Oregon. Photo by Bryan Brown.

At various times, FBI agents close to the case have expressed the opinion that Jack Coffelt's story was too littered with "James Bondery" to be given any credibility. All his "wild bluster" about beepers sending out homing signals from a hidden jeep, fires set up on the ground as signal lights, and accomplices standing by with walkie-talkies evoked too much of a Hollywood aura. Why not just hide the parachutes instead of spraying them with a magnesium compound and torching them, as Coffelt claimed he did?

Even after Florence Schaffner identified Coffelt as the skyjacker, the FBI insisted that he was nowhere near Oregon when the crime took place, saying instead that he was then in the Washington D.C. area. But they wouldn't tell us where. "We've narrowed it down to days and hours," one agent told me flatly. "You've got the wrong man."

But one of Coffelt's most intimate acquaintances, his best friend and trusted confidant, in fact, for nearly twenty years, Memphis attorney Robert Dobbs, who provided the old con-man with legal help more than once when Jack was in trouble, told me: "Jack was meticulous enough to have planned all the things" necessary to pull off the skyjacking. And for anyone who doubted it: "... then they don't know the real Jack Coffelt! You'd have to know Coffelt personally to be able to appreciate the significance of all of it!"

As tantalizing proof of his claim, Dobbs went to his library and brought back two valuable relics straight from the dusky corridors of American history: the exquisitely carved ivory riding crop (a gift to the 16th President from the Emperor of Japan) and the gold pocket-watch and fob of Abraham Lincoln! "Jack gave me those once as payment for my legal services," he explained with a wink. The amazing story of how Jack came to acquire

these relics reveals yet another one of the intricate and sophisticated scams which were clearly his *modus operandi* before he undertook the boldest of them all and the crown of his career: the skyjacking.

I had learned about Robert Dobbs and his association with Coffelt in a curious fashion. A friend of his had once received a cookbook from Jack as a gift. This friend, upon being interviewed during our long investigation of Coffelt, produced the cookbook. Inside was discovered a crumpled letter meshed between two pages. It was a 1969 correspondence to Jack from Robert Dobbs! Dobbs had written Jack, who was then involved in a particularly shady affair in Washington D.C., to warn him: "I think it would be ill-advised to meet with you at this time unless we could be absolutely certain that you were not being followed." He then closed with the stark advice: "Burn this letter."



Prominent Memphis attorney Robert L. Dobbs, Coffelt's best friend for nearly twenty years, placed Jack in Portland at the time of the skyjacking.

When I tracked him down and told him that Jack had forgotten to burn his letter, Dobbs nevertheless managed a hearty laugh. "We never put much in writing to each other," he mused. "Perhaps Jack wanted to keep that letter as a souvenir." Half-expecting a denial, I informed Dobbs that Jack had confessed to being D.B. Cooper. The cagey attorney flashed a knowing smile. "I had a feeling he was involved in that thing," he replied without a trace of surprise in his voice. "You see, Jack would often call me, even from as far away as Europe or the Caribbean, wherever he was, to tell me that he was into something and if he didn't call back at a certain time for me to start checking. Well, when that thing happened I suspected Jack was involved in it . . . because right before the skyjacking he called me from Portland, Oregon!"



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(top) A Northwest Boeing 727 with arrow pointing to the rear stairway ramp. (above) Mt. Hood, Oregon. Coffelt returned twice to this area to search for the lost money before his 1974 trip with the Browns.

Myriad leads connected over the years like the silken strands of a spider's web, one thin trail joining another at obscure crossroads along a pattern of seemingly infinite design. My father and I were able to find witnesses in Oregon who positively identified Jack as the man who came to their gas station and recreation business twice, in the spring and fall of 1972, the year after the skyjacking. Along with another to this day unidentified man, Jack rented snowmobiles from them, driving the vehicles into the hills behind their station near the isolated jump site. These witnesses finally confirmed Coffelt's claim that our trip with him in 1974 to search for the lost money was not the first time he had been back to that remote place.

And finally, in a check of all the passengers on Flight 305 as it left Portland Airport that stormy Thanksgiving Eve, I discovered that a prominent Seattle attorney, George LeBissoniere, had sat only three seats away from D.B. Cooper, so close that even the FBI told him that he was one of their best eye-witnesses. When Mr. LeBissoniere was shown photographs of Jack Coffelt, he calmly identified the face as that of D.B. Cooper, unaware that stewardess Florence Schaffner had already identified the pickpocket. "That Leavenworth guy — right?" he asked, as if trying to refresh his own memory. "I identified these same pictures for the FBI six weeks after the skyjacking." (refer to sidebar p. 68)

"There's a somebody I'm longing to see . . .
Someone who'll watch over me."

—Ira Gershwin

Jack Coffelt proudly called himself a "Jay-hawker" after a fictitious bird imagined by the Indians to possess the haughty pride of a Blue Jay and the cunning determination of a hawk. But in truth he was a Caucasian harboring an ornery supply of Cherokee blood which made his nature turn restless and rebellious.

He was born in that part of the Midwest known as "the Badlands" because of the robbers who have blossomed there like weeds in mud-filled creek beds. Jesse James and the Dalton Boys and Billy the Kid are only a few of the colorful criminals who once plundered this dust-ridden locale, which is also the major home in America of the proud Cherokee Indians — the bitter end of the Trail Of Tears. According to Jack Coffelt and my father, who wrote a book about the place while in Atlanta Penitentiary together, life there in the 1920's was picturesque but also incredibly bleak. I quote from their book:

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"The town of Picher is the hub of this district. Powder-monkeys send groans and rumbles through the earth and view with suspicion any man who receives more than two letters a week. Sidewashed lead and zinc glitter bold across jig tables. Mines and chatpiles crowd each other around the town. On the chatpiles children scavenge for empty bottles and used condoms. Renniker the junk dealer pays two cents each for short pints and half pints, a cent for beer and home brew, thirty cents a pound for washed rubbers. Vern Wilders runs the big game. A whorehouse sits on Main Street. That's it, Stranger. Picher, Oklahoma, has been sent for, went, and qualified."

Coffelt was born under an ill-star on February 20, 1916, to a poverty-stricken family. In this inauspicious environment he quickly learned the benefits of a fast tongue and a slippery hand as he worked the booming lead and zinc mines by day and hung around the gambling halls and brothels at night as a mere youngster. When he was eight years old his father, Walter Coffelt, who had once owned a mine but lost it to booze, died of alcoholism, leaving his widow Ottie and Jack and his two sisters destitute. Ottie took up with another man called Ben Wooldridge who, according to Jack's sister, "was horribly mean to us kids." The children fled. The two young girls — ages sixteen and fourteen — married off as soon as possible. Jack continued in school, according

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to one prison record, through the seventh grade or to about 1929. Then he dropped out for good when he was about thirteen years old. His common-law stepfather, Ben Wooldridge, was also dead by that time, another victim of the bottle.

When Jack was only fifteen he broke into his grandfather's grocery store in nearby Baxter Springs, Kansas with a "false key" and, according to the courthouse records there, "stole diverse bars of candy and packages of gum and \$10 in silver." His irate grandfather insisted on pressing charges and on May 20, 1932, Jack was convicted of burglary and larceny, third degree, and sentenced to the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson for a term "not to exceed five years." He was just sixteen years old. This was the beginning of the 20 years, eight months, and 13 days of his life that he was to spend in various jails and prisons. Two years later, when he was eighteen, he arrived at the forbidding rock-walled fortress of McAlester prison in dreary southeastern Oklahoma for a three-year stretch upon being convicted for yet another burglary after his parole from the Kansas reformatory. His path in life — that of a hardened criminal — was already well-formed.

None of the charges he was ever convicted on, however, were for crimes of violence — unless you count grabbing a deputy's pistol in an escape attempt. "Jack said prison was awful. They'd never keep him locked up again — he'd escape," remembers his sister. Incarceration must have been terrible to him. One prison medical report states that in 1947 Jack underwent "two operations ten weeks apart" for being cruelly kicked in the "left groin," and the same report later states obliquely that "this prisoner has history of gunshot wound left foot." Had he been shot there? In 1974 Jack expressed nothing but hatred for the prison authorities, telling me vengefully, "I always wanted to get them back for what they did to me!"

His prison "rap sheet" was nearly impossible to obtain. At one point in our investigation, after we had secretly procured a copy of it, the government even tried to confiscate it on grounds that it was "federal property." But it makes long and often humorous reading, including items such as this one contained in his Atlanta Penitentiary Admissions Summary: "Presently he got into a reform school in Kansas where he was further disillusioned by indications of corruptions on the part of some of the officials and employees of the institution!" On May 19, 1949, Jack began a ten-year sentence at Atlanta Penitentiary for interstate auto theft and attempted escape upon being rudely caught, and by that time he was unswervingly bitter towards "the system." His dossier then best explains his state of mind:

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At Atlanta Pen Coffelt met my father, James Brown, a former Air Force pilot. Brown had worked as a reporter during his younger days and was a good writer, often compiling and editing the prison magazine single-handedly, while Coffelt was the press operator who printed it. They became good friends and spent three years filling the dreary days together by working on a long writing project about Coffelt's early life. My father was paroled in 1952. After his friend was gone, Coffelt transferred to Leavenworth Penitentiary in Kansas to finish out his sentence, and there, on July 20, 1955, he was "conditionally released" — pending parole restrictions. He would be in a few small-town jails after that, but never another "awful" penitentiary.

In his new life on the outside Jack Coffelt emerged for the first time as a human being rather than a number. He was immensely proud of the book he had written with my father. Entitled *Cleave The Liquid Sky*, the novel, a colorful and spellbinding account of Coffelt's boyhood years in Oklahoma, was never published. But nevertheless, "with a book under my belt," as Jack told people, he had "finally achieved something." He had greatly matured and no longer wanted to be merely a petty thief. Instead, he would become a shrewd con-man.

As a result of one scam in Memphis, Tennessee, in the late 1950's, Jack came into a pile of money — around \$50,000 — and with a healthy bank account to bolster his ego he grew courteous and extremely generous. He always grabbed the check when he took friends out to expensive restaurants and plush night-spots. He was charming, a "hell of a salesman" said one companion. He drank and smoked heavily. He often fascinated and regaled people with preposterous accounts of his past criminal exploits: wild tales of blowing open safes with nitroglycerin (carrying it in a vial around his neck so it would stay at body temperature), and dramatic holdups during drunken sprees of cross-country travelling. ("I'm gonna put you in the news — bang!")

Coffelt was always a chameleon — wonderfully gifted in producing a vast range of personalities to suit the mood of any occasion. Referring to the same period of time, one person who knew him remembered, "He was really a remarkable man. Very kind, very generous, very colorful, almost like a kindly uncle," while another recalled, "I always had the feeling he could easily tear the room apart!" But he was steadfastly hypnotic. "The average person had no defense to him. He just



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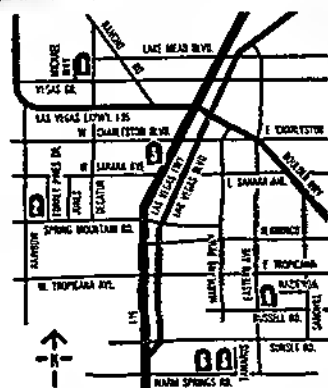
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mesmerized people," said his old friend Robert Dobbs, the Memphis attorney who received a call from Jack from Portland, Oregon, days before the skyjacking. Among these crowds, however, Jack always seemed to be ashamed of his prairie roots and the bitter poverty he experienced in his youth, poverty which had led him irreversibly, he believed, into a life of crime.

In early February of 1960 Jack's mother Ottie died a horrible death when her home burned to the ground in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Jack attended the funeral. He wore expensive suits and drove a late-model Cadillac, evasively telling relatives that he was "working back East somewhere." Where is not certain, but a year later, after meeting his red-haired confidante Tave in Las Vegas, Jack became permanently established in the Washington D.C. area.

He never held a steady job there, but at various times he managed to come into "large sums of money" according to Tave herself — tens of thousands of dollars at the drop of a hat. To close friends he hinted that he was a "bag-man," someone hired by the Mafia to distribute bribes among crooked politicians. But then, one of his old Kansas cronies who visited him in Washington in the late 1960's watched J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI Director, throw a warm and friendly bearhug around Jack. Coffelt, it seems, had learned to play both sides of the fence shrewdly and with great finesse. He had finally become a valuable commodity.

Whatever murky substrata of society his operations belonged to, they were never, it seems, restricted entirely to the nation's capital. As one intimate source wrote, "I don't know if you are aware of the long 'tentacles' Jack had . . . in other parts of the world." It was a dark hint at the vast Rosicrucian circles which the shrewd con-man had learned to move in during those years of especially shady "power politics" when internationally motivated plots of intrigue ran rife in the capital. "That part of your letter where you said you weren't sure that I was real tickled me," Coffelt responded to one enthralled disbeliever. "I'm as real as I appear."

But this "modern Indian warrior," as my father and others often thought of Jack, finally fell prey to the white man's fated disease — Love. Those who knew Jack and Tave said he always referred to her as his "sister" or "cousin," never anything more. Most were of this opinion, summed up by one: "She always seemed to be watching him, like a plastic doll, in some sort of official capacity."

But then, in the latter half of the 1960's, along came another girl — a beautiful German blonde who was a research scientist. Jack "procured" her, as he himself described it. Her version: "I do everything Jack orders.

Whatever he tells me to do, I do." What they did was set into operation a bizarre plot to wrest away the fortune from a famous multimillionaire jet-setter! But this incredible scam which involved an illegitimate child, court-ordered blood tests, hush-money paid to politicians, and sealed court testimony describing activities bordering on the occult, backfired ignominiously.

Jack came under intense pressure by the early 1970's to get out of Washington D.C. or face the threat of another long prison sentence, or even worse punishment at the hands of those who sought to keep a lid on the scam! The beautiful German girl secretly set sail for Europe on an ocean-liner. She would hide out in France and Germany, finally neutral Switzerland where American agents were unable to bribe that government's politicians into turning her over. Jack, from afar, constantly supplied her with money, draining his own resources to the end.

"I never loved anyone like I loved her," Coffelt told me in 1974 as tears welled in his eyes. By 1971 his luck had at last run dry. The days of free spending and high living were over, leaving him more embittered than ever before. More than one person who knew him then recalled, "He said he was going to 'get the government.'" To me, his constant refrain about the skyjacking — "I had nothing to lose" — always became deeply intertwined around the story of his passionate love for the beautiful German *geisha*!

Henry James once wrote, stretching irony to its furthest limit: "It is far better to be killed than to be destroyed." The colorful and fascinating Jack Coffelt was plotting, however, one last way to beat the "system." In November 1971, as Nixon's White House flourished and the Vietnam War raged on, Bryant "Jack" Coffelt became an American legend by parachuting from an airplane with a bag of stolen money.

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A bland grey stone lying in an obscure corner of a Hawaiian cemetery bears the simple legend: Bryant Coffelt — [born] February 20, 1916; [died] June 19, 1975. But the stone — which may one day prove as cryptic as Rosetta's — tells nothing more about the dark circumstances surrounding Jack's days in Hawaii, why he went there, or what he did. It is known, however, among other things, that his death certificate has been secretly altered.

In Hawaii, the palm fans sway in gentle breezes, mangos and pineapples fill the air with tropical aromas, and the emerald ocean fades before sunset to what Jack would fondly call "indigo blue." Peaceful surfs splash the sand-swept beaches like time itself coming home to rest. At last, perhaps, Jack has found a serenity that he never knew in life.

The FBI has finally admitted that Jack was a

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH CERTIFICATE...

"Your nationality and your politics did not show when you were dead."

—Ernest Hemingway,

For Whom The Bell Tolls

#1
The date of Coffelt's death is listed as June 19, 1975.

#2
Tave Coffelt was the "Informant."

#3
Strangely, he was not buried until one week later, on June 24th.

#4
The certificate was altered 11 days after the date of death.

During the course of our investigation my father and I hired a Las Vegas private detective agency to procure a copy of Jack Coffelt's death certificate from the Research and Statistics Office at the Hawaii Department of Health. But we were promptly informed by the detective agency that the Hawaii FBI had been somehow "alerted" by its inquiry there — a very strange occurrence indeed. Why would the Bureau be alerted?

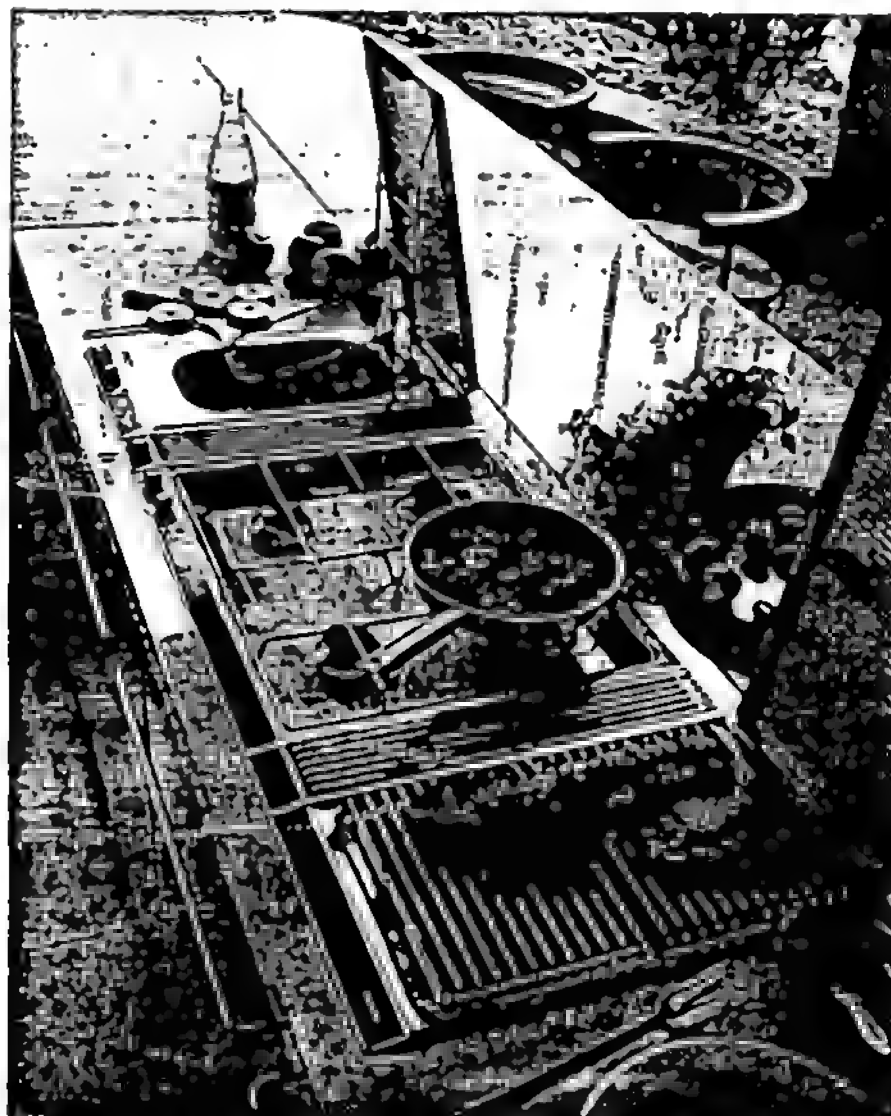
Tave Coffelt, who is listed as the "informant," apparently stated at the top of the document (item #10) that she and Jack "never married." Note the addition marked "ALTERED June 30, 1975" in the lower right half of the certificate. To alter a death certificate requires at least a number of official signatures from various government agencies, if not a court order. Why was the certificate changed (and by whom?) 11 days after it was issued to show that Coffelt died on June 19 at 12:40 AM rather than on June 18 at 11:25 PM? It is a difference of not quite an hour, but legally it shifts the death one day later. Even though no autopsy was performed (item #19a), the body was not buried until one week after that, on June 24th. Did Coffelt's friends fly in from around the world for an extended wake before the funeral? It seems highly unlikely.

Only weeks before June 19, 1975, Jack Coffelt was seen by old friends of his 5000 miles away — back in Kansas! And in a letter to my father dated September 20, 1976, nearly a year and a half after Jack's alleged death, Tave Coffelt used a strange verb tense in referring to him: "Jack knows," she eerily began, "so many people throughout the world and so many would be interested . . . in information which they think I might provide them, it would only result in their coming here to see me, which I do not want."

Many unanswered questions still linger . . .

In another letter just one week after that, responding to a direct inquiry about whether she knew for certain if Jack was D.B. Cooper, Tave did not deny that he was, but instead replied with the cryptic warning: "The subject to which you referred to [the skyjacking]. . . in my opinion is a can of worms — and could only result in trouble in the future!" B.H.B.

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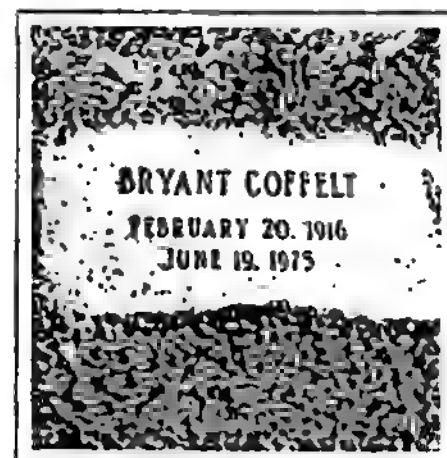
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major suspect in the skyjacking all along. Out of 933 suspects in the D.B. Cooper case, Coffelt was "in the top 20" of those the Bureau had spent the most man-hours working on — according to Agent Gary Penrith, then in charge of the FBI's anti-hijacking unit at headquarters in Washington D.C. "We can't rule him out," Penrith admitted.

It is virtually certain that Coffelt was the skyjacker. Solely because of our efforts, two people have identified him as D.B. Cooper, he has been placed in Portland when the crime occurred, physical evidence has been found confirming where he jumped, and a mass of circumstantial evidence overwhelmingly supports all the details of his story. More than anything, Jack was afraid of slow destruction. After spending half of his adult life that way, he wanted no more of poverty or lonely prison cells. He was stunned to the very essence of his being by the crime's horrible failure — this perverse modern tragedy which so miserably revealed the fatal flaw of rabid pride which stained his character. As Robert Dobbs, Coffelt's trusted Memphis confidant put it: "He would laugh Death in the face if he thought he could pull something over on somebody . . . and Jack always wanted to do one big thing before he left here!"

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*Daily I search the realms of Hades
For the soul of the hawk,
That I may offer him the friendship
Of one whom life wounded and caged.*

—Edgar Lee Masters
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THE SEARCH FOR D.B. COOPER

The hundreds of anxious spectators assembled near the small logging town of Ariel, Washington, had been tilting their heads skyward for almost an hour. Standing in a wide clearing on the east bank of Lake Merwin and sipping cans of Olympia Lite while awaiting a break in the misty overcast, they had come for the occasion from as far away as California, Texas and Maryland.

Suddenly a red-and-white Cessna 172 pulled out of a banking turn and leveled off at 6,000 feet. Then, one by one, sky divers began plunging from the plane, each of them wearing a conservative business suit and carrying an attache case. As their colorful parachutes opened, onlookers cheered this symbolic reenactment of a legendary jump performed eight years before by D. B. Cooper—the absent guest of honor.

In November 1971, Cooper had been the focus of a headline-making drama that captured the public's imagination. He had threatened to blow up an airliner, held angry FBI agents at bay, parachuted from the plane with \$200,000 in ransom money and disappeared into the night.

Despite the largest manhunt in FBI history, Cooper was never found. His hazardous escapade remains today as the only unsolved skyjacking in American history. Since then the gutsy adventurer who got away with one of the most daring crimes on record has achieved the status of popular folk hero.

That accounted for the exuberant spectators now singing along with a bluegrass band's rousing version of *The Ballad of D. B. Cooper*—a tune honoring the

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memory of this American Robin Hood.

It was a rainy day in Washington/When Cooper made his move./Taking the flight he took before./Hopin' the weather would improve.

Somewhere over Ariel/He made his famous jump./With 200 thou, a parachute:/A wild card and a trump.

Well, listen to the people talk./The FBI is stumped./Some people say he died in the fall./Some people say he didn't jump./But of all the possibilities/That are tattered and worn./No matter what you say, my friend,/A legend has been born.

Well, they searched and searched the countryside,/A clue they could not find./The FBI, the State Police,/The Boy Scouts were all blind./Now, D. B., you clever one,/You got 'em on the run./We hope that you survived that jump/Into the settin' sun."

"Most of us 'round these parts like to think he made it," says Dave Fisher, owner of the Ariel Store and Tavern and organizer of the festival held every year around Thanksgiving time. "And a lot of them don't think of him as a criminal for what he did. He's a hero. And he sure put this part of the country on the map."

At a recent festival Fisher sold 108 T-shirts bearing the hero's FBI composite image and slogans like "D. B. Cooper,

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Where Are You?" Neck-chains, bumper stickers, posters and other trinkets honoring the skyjacker were also popular items. "This year we're expectin' 'bout 500 or 600 people 'cause of the money being found," says Fisher, referring to a \$4,000 cache of decaying ransom bills discovered 25 miles from Ariel in February. "Findin' the money didn't solve anything though. We like to think that D. B. got away with the rest of it."

The daring scheme that would inspire the legend unfolded on Thanksgiving Eve 1971, 30 miles southeast of Ariel at the busy Portland International Airport. Everyone seemed to want to be somewhere else that dark, stormy day, preferably with family and loved ones contemplating the next day's turkey dinner and marathon schedule of televised football games.

Shortly before 3:30 p.m. a Northwest Orient Airlines ticket agent sold a one-way fare on Flight 305 to a well-dressed man who paid cash and gave his name as Dan Cooper (later found to be an alias). The agent hastily punched the wrong key, however, and the passenger's name printed out as D. B. Cooper. By 4 o'clock Cooper was seated in the rear of the three-engine Boeing 727, patiently waiting to implement his carefully planned, boldly executed caper.

Stewardess Florence (Flo) Schaffner thought it odd that there were so many

no-shows on the holiday-season flight. Nearly 80 seats were vacant. She also seemed puzzled when Cooper passed her a handwritten note soon after take-off. Flo had long been accustomed to amorous travelers. Her small, trim figure and jet-black hair attracted bankers and college football players alike. They were always flirting and passing her little love notes. Some of these messages were cute. Others were funny. A few were sexy. But this one was different.

It said nothing about *later tonight or I know we're made for each other, sweetie*. It didn't even have the man's name and phone number. The words just didn't make sense: *Bomb in briefcase... will blow up plane... come sit with me.*

Schaffner looked again at the swarthy passenger who had handed her the slip of paper. He seemed to be in his 40s, with a receding hairline, about six feet tall and of medium build. Dressed in a reddish-brown business suit, white shirt, flashy alligator shoes, a narrow black tie and a stickpin, he wasn't a bad-looking guy. But he seemed sort of distant.

Earlier, when the plane was ready for takeoff, the stewardess had had to go down the ramp to summon Cooper, who was watching the baggage being loaded. He boarded only after the cargo doors were closed, removing his hat and dark glasses while Schaffner served him a double bourbon-on-the-rocks. He quickly gulped it down. Sitting in the window seat with a briefcase in his lap, he looked for all the world like any other businessman.

He must be a prankster, Schaffner thought. Some men would do just anything to get her attention. She stuffed the note into her jacket pocket and started to move forward in the cabin to serve the other passengers. But when she looked at Cooper, the fierce determination in his narrow-set eyes stopped her cold. His head jerked, angrily, toward the briefcase he held open. Inside she saw a large battery, several red sticks and a tangle of wires.

"Sit down here, please," he ordered in a firm voice.

She quickly concluded that the red sticks were dynamite and that the battery was part of a bomb. This wasn't a joke, after all. Her pulse quickened and her stomach churned as she approached Cooper cautiously.

Within minutes the stewardess had relayed his demands to the cockpit, and copilot William Rataczak was in communication with Seattle-Tacoma International Airport tower officials. "We have a problem with a passenger," said the experienced flier, his voice cool and controlled. He explained that a man was threatening to explode a bomb



if he didn't receive \$200,000 and four parachutes as soon as the plane landed at Seattle.

Tense airport personnel notified Northwest Airlines officials and the FBI, who decided to meet the skyjacker's demands. When Flight 305 reached Seattle, it circled in the vicinity for two-and-a-half hours while airline representatives gathered the money from four banks—all in \$20 bills—and recorded the serial numbers.

"We were told there was a minor mechanical problem," remembers Seattle attorney George LaBissoniere, who was seated two rows in front of Cooper. "I walked to the bathroom a couple of times and passed him, but at no time did we know there was a hijacker aboard. Everyone remained calm, and the drinks were on the house."

When the plane finally landed at Seattle, Cooper's 36 fellow passengers and Flo Schaffner and another stewardess disembarked. Cooper had demanded that one stewardess remain on board as a hostage. Tina Muchlow didn't consider herself especially brave, but somebody had to volunteer. Now she was on her own.

Also remaining on the plane was the three-man flight crew, headed by Captain William Scott. Four sport parachutes were delivered and left just inside one of the cabin doors. A short time later an FBI agent walked slowly up the ramp and silently handed Muchlow a heavy canvas mailbag containing the ransom money.

Struggling to get a better grip on the 46-pound moneybag, she turned into the darkened cabin. The shades had been pulled shut on all the porthole-shaped windows. Cooper was too smart to let himself be picked off by police sharpshooters. Behind Muchlow, in the cockpit, the flight crew waited for further instructions now that the plane had been refueled. In front of her, hidden somewhere in the shadows of the empty seats, was D. B. Cooper—and his bomb.

As she walked slowly down the aisle, Muchlow's foot struck a strange object. For a frightening instant she thought she might have kicked the bomb. She lost her balance and was starting to fall when Cooper caught her from the side. As the bag fell to the floor, she found herself steadied in his strong arms.

One reporter has learned that he held the woman for several seconds, but she didn't back away. She could feel his warmth, power and confidence. He wasn't sweaty or nervous. Days, weeks, even years later, whenever Muchlow remembered this scary night, she would recall this moment—when she first

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sensed the man was somehow going to get away with his bold plan.

Still holding the stewardess, Cooper's hand slipped down to the swell of her hips. She sucked in her breath and remained motionless as his fingers explored the shape of her round, firm ass. His other hand started to reach for the proud peaks of her bosom. But suddenly he seemed to change his mind.

Releasing her, he bent down and picked up the mailbag.

"Yep, it's all here," Cooper said, plopping the satchel onto the nearest cushioned seat.

"Aren't you going to count it?" Muchlow asked, straightening her skirt and jacket, relieved to be free from him.

"I trust 'em," he smiled. Opening the bag, he pulled out a fistful of twenties and offered them to her. "Here," he said. "Call it a tip."

"Oh, no," she stammered, "we're not allowed to accept gratuities."

Cooper shrugged, and dropped the money back into the bag. "Are the chutes aboard?"

"They're up front."

"Bring them back here, then shut the door. We're getting outa here. Fast!"

Grabbing a microphone at the stewardesses' station, Cooper ordered the crew to fly him to Mexico City. Pilot William Scott explained that that destination was outside the aircraft's range; they would have to stop to refuel.

"Then make it Reno," the skyjacker snapped. "And let's get this motherfucking show on the road!"

Shortly after takeoff he ordered the pilots to unlock the 727's rear passenger ramp, remain at exactly 10,000 feet altitude, fly at a 200-mpg cruising speed with wing flaps down at a 15-degree angle and maintain a particular compass setting. Obviously, Cooper knew exactly what he was doing.

After instructing the pilot to fly the direct course to Reno, he gave the stewardess a final smile and closed her inside the cockpit with the flight crew. The last thing she remembers seeing was Cooper removing his street shoes and putting on a pair of heavy work boots, which he had taken from a paper bag. Cooper monitored the flight with a compass and wrist altimeter. Since the rear exit door had been left open on his orders, the cabin pressurization was broken, and an altimeter could thereby function.

At one point, when the plane drifted slightly above the instructed altitude, he barked to the cockpit over the intercom: "You son of a bitch, you better keep on

WAS HE D.B. COOPER?



The FBI composite sketch of the alleged skyjacker (above), drawn from eyewitness descriptions supplied by Flight 305 crew members, was widely circulated in 1971-72... to no avail. Three years later, mystery man Byron (Jack) Coffelt—shown in a 1953 photograph (below)—provided believable evidence that he was the elusive D. B. Cooper. Before his 1975 death, Coffelt enlisted the aid of a former convict friend, but failed to find the missing \$200,000 ransom money.



course!" He also ordered the pilot to tell three Air Force jets trailing behind to back off; he could see their lights.

What happened next only D. B. Cooper knows for certain. Just as Northwest Flight 305 was passing over Lake Merwin, instruments in the cockpit indicated that the rear exit had been

opened. No personnel entered the cabin until the plane landed in Reno three hours later. By then Cooper, two parachutes, the mailbag and the attache case had vanished. All he left behind were some lengths of cut-up parachute shroud line—and reams of speculation concerning his fate.

The FBI claims it expended thousands of man-hours tracking down leads on some 900 suspects, without success. Its conclusion is that Cooper, or whatever his real name was, probably perished in the jump. Official line aside, many observers familiar with the case suggest that Cooper was actually an ex-convict named Byron (Jack) Coffelt. They cite, in part, convincing evidence supplied by James Brown—a former Army officer who shared a cell with Coffelt at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. At various intervals from June 1973 until his death in June 1975, Coffelt told Brown intimate details of the skyjacking and its aftermath that nobody except someone with firsthand knowledge of the incident could possibly have known.

Until then Brown knew surprisingly little about his old cellmate's past history. Coffelt, a hard drinker who stood six feet tall and weighed 190 pounds, was always shrouded in mystery. And undoubtedly that's the way he wanted it. Born in 1916, he spent much of his first 30 years in Midwestern jails for a variety of minor crimes. In 1949 he received a ten-year sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen automobile. Over the years his cellmates in the Atlanta and Leavenworth federal prisons reportedly included Colonel Jack Durant, who was convicted of stealing the Hesse crown jewels during World War II, and James Earl Ray, who is presently serving a life sentence for killing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

During those prison years Coffelt apparently made contact with the FBI. A source who requests anonymity mentions a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover asking the prison warden for information about Coffelt. The source also says that the agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office was Coffelt's sole visitor for five years.

Some believe that he became an FBI informant in prison, secretly turning over information damaging to his cellmates. To Brown, Coffelt described his time behind bars as a "revolving door"—meaning that he would be let out for a few days or weeks at a time to carry out "hit jobs" for the government.

Years later Coffelt was known to carry FBI and Department of Agriculture credentials, as well as passes for the White House and the Pentagon. A college professor reports that he was once riding

with Coffelt in Washington, D.C., when Coffelt picked up General Creighton Abrams—then U.S. Army Chief of Staff—and drove him to the Pentagon. The professor says he saw Coffelt flash FBI credentials.

Naturally, the FBI refuses to comment on these revelations or on any other aspect of Coffelt's life.

Records show that he was paroled from Leavenworth in 1955 after serving just six years of his ten-year sentence. Then, in the mid-1960s, he became the trusted aide of wealthy Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith—the great-grandson and last living relative of Abraham Lincoln. Beckwith has heavily financed several right-wing causes, such as the John Birch Society.

In 1974 Coffelt boasted to Brown that he had "helped kill a nigger" in Memphis, Tennessee. He mentioned being in "one of the white cars" that had deliberately caused traffic congestion immediately after Dr. King was assassinated.

Where much of the preceding may seem rather sketchy, Coffelt's story of the Northwest Airlines skyjacking—as recounted by James Brown—is detailed and believable.

From the outset of the meetings that began in 1973, Brown played a determined devil's-advocate role with Coffelt—asking tough questions. At

times Coffelt would be cooperative and come forward with more details. Other times Coffelt would shut off completely, saying he was tired of talking about it all. But inevitably, during the days they spent together searching for the missing money and at Brown's home in Oregon, they would come back to the skyjacking.

Coffelt said he had first planned to steal several million dollars, which he thought would be aboard Flight 305, headed for the Federal Reserve Bank in Seattle. But after watching the loading of the plane and realizing the bank money had failed to arrive, he carried out an alternate plan to demand the \$200,000 ransom.

He told Brown he had called the airline numerous times to make phony reservations for Flight 305 so there would be fewer people on board. He saw no sense in creating unnecessary problems.

Before jumping from the plane's rear exit door, Coffelt said, he put the moneybag and an electronic receiver inside a green plastic bag he had carried aboard in his briefcase. After throwing the briefcase overboard, he tied a line around the moneybag and made a loop for his arm.

Coffelt said his bail-out point was not the Lake Merwin vicinity, as stated by the FBI. He claims to have landed 70 miles farther southeast, in the Cascade

Mountains of Oregon—on almost a direct line from Seattle to Reno. An accomplice with a Jeep waited for him in the brush. The four-wheel-drive vehicle was equipped with an electronic "beeper." Another vehicle, a white Cadillac, was hidden close to a paved road.

Spotting a beacon on Mount Hood, Coffelt was able to sight a triangle of three small runway lights located east of the mountain, set in place by his accomplice. He put his arm through the moneybag and waited for a signal from the Jeep beeper. Preparing to jump directly over the beacon lights, he was suddenly swept off balance by swirling winds and sucked down into the darkness.

At the 10,000-foot altitude Coffelt figured it would be safe to count to 50 before opening the chute. But as he free-fell into the black night, he counted only to 30 before instinctively pulling on his chest-pack rip cord. Nothing happened.

Desperately, he pulled at the D-ring on the seat-pack chute. It opened with a jolt. At that moment, relieved that he wouldn't hit the earth at more than 100 miles per hour and die, he made the mistake of relaxing his grip on the moneybag. It slipped off his arm and disappeared beneath him.

He would never see the \$200,000 again.

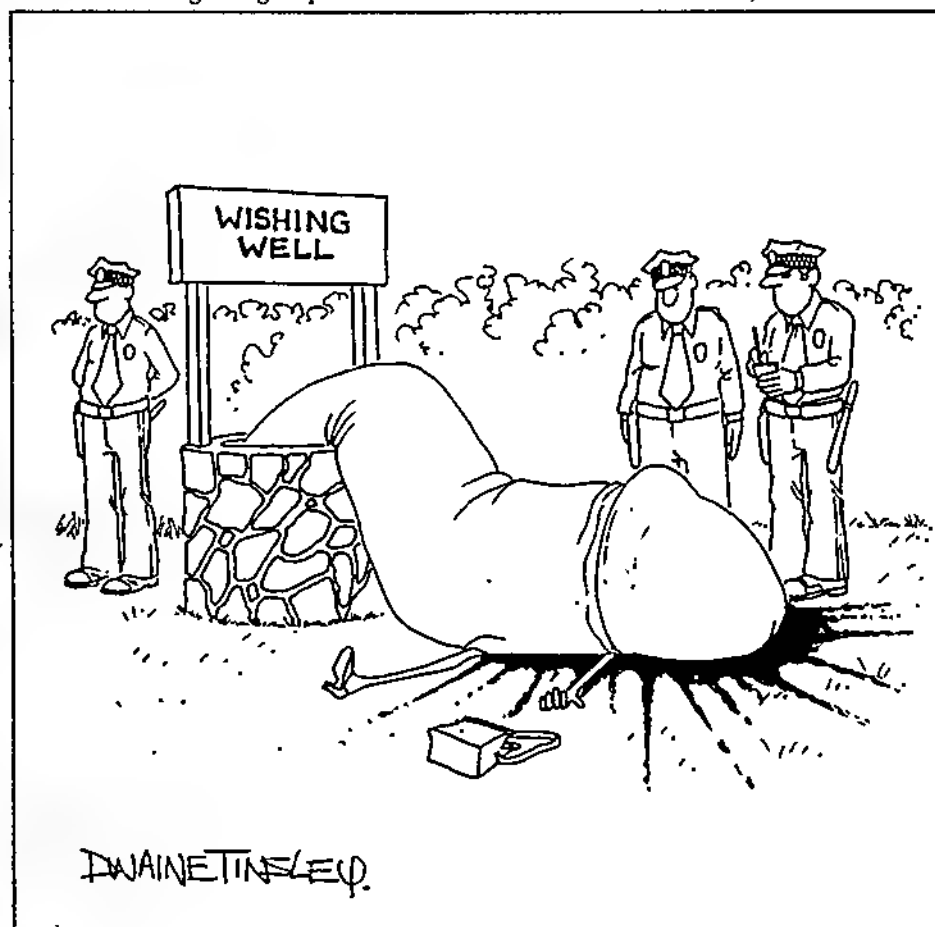
The combination of a strong wind and the early chute opening caused him to drift far from the target meadow. Coffelt hit the ground hard at more than 30 mph, was dragged along by the parachute and smacked into a dead tree.

Despite the pain from injuries to his rib cage, genitals, feet and legs, he managed to remove the chutes. To avoid possible detection, he melted them with an aerosol can of solvent spray. Then he buried what was left of the chutes—mostly metal snaps and buckles—next to a large rock, on which he scratched large X's and O's.

Coffelt now considered his very real dilemma. He could hear the signals from the beepers in both the Jeep and the lost moneybag, but the latter was weak and beginning to fade. He thought about going after the money, but quickly dismissed the plan when he realized he would have a difficult enough time reaching the Jeep from this steep, inaccessible area. Resignedly, he mustered his remaining strength and began his trek through the pitch-dark forest, homing in on the Jeep beeper.

When the sun came up, Coffelt was still miles away from the Jeep. At one point he crossed a road and was astonished to see a bulldozer at work nearby. He turned his face so the driver couldn't

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identify him later. Around noontime, some 15 hours after his landing, he reached the Jeep.

Then he and his accomplice drove to near where the Cadillac was hidden. Eventually they loaded the Jeep with an explosive charge, rolled it into a lake and blew it up.

Coffelt said he then entered the backseat of the Cadillac, and his partner drove him to Kansas City, where he received medical attention.

Eleven days after the skyjacking, Coffelt began working as a surgical technician at a northern Virginia hospital. His superior there says that he had difficulty walking and at one point showed her his "badly discolored legs"—injuries that some believe he sustained in the parachute jump.

The following spring, after the snow had melted, Coffelt said he chartered a helicopter and returned to the area. But when the pilot became unduly curious about the object of the search, Coffelt abandoned his efforts to locate the moneybag.

A few years later he told James Brown that he wanted to go back into the Cascades and look for the small fortune, but that he needed help. In July 1974 the two men and Brown's muscular 17-year-old son made a week-long trek into the mountains where Coffelt said he landed. Coffelt was then in ill health, and at one point he nearly collapsed on a steep grade. For the entire week they made themselves as invisible as possible, blending into the forest, keeping campfires low, meticulously picking up after themselves. But they found no money in the rugged terrain.

Meanwhile, Brown had been writing down every scrap of information Coffelt told him. He began working on a manuscript following Coffelt's death in 1975. To sell the story, Brown found producer Dirk Summers in Las Vegas, where he was supervising a Kenny Norton heavyweight fight for CBS Sports.

Summers says that he had Brown take a lie-detector test concerning the time he spent with Coffelt in northern Oregon. "He passed with flying colors," claims Summers. "But all that meant was that Brown believed Coffelt's story. I kept thinking, if this story is true, it's the story of the century."

So Summers began his own investigation. In 1977 he and Brown organized an expedition into the Cascades, back to where Coffelt had taken Brown three years earlier. This time, thanks to a metal-detector and energetic digging, the search party unearthed a solid piece

of physical evidence: a one-and-a-half-inch piece of cording that proved to be synthetic nylon of the type used in parachute shrouding.

"We had a lab report confirming that the cording came from a parachute and was five to seven years old," says Summers. "We were very careful uncovering it. I took soil samples, which I turned over to the lab so I would know whether something hadn't just been buried there. It's a strong piece of circumstantial evidence."

"The area where we found this was very primitive, remote wilderness—Big-foot country. We had to lower ourselves down a cliff to get to the site. There was a dead tree that Jack told Brown he hit. And this enormous, two-story-high rock with markings on it: X's and O's that Coffelt said he had scratched into the rock the night he landed there. That was where we dug. You could even see the narrow trenches where his feet had hit the ground and he had been dragged by the parachute."

Summers became a believer in the story, and he too is convinced that Jack Coffelt was D. B. Cooper. He has finished a book on the subject, and claims to have interested actors Robert Mitchum and Telly Savalas in a TV project.

Summers and Brown also believe that the FBI went to great lengths to cover up and otherwise derail the Coffelt/Cooper connection. The producer suspects that the FBI may have known all along that Coffelt was the skyjacker, but didn't go after him because they realized he had stories to tell about his earlier cooperation with the agency. "Assistant and deputy FBI directors are involved in the Coffelt story," says Summers. "It's a string of middle-level officials covering up and protecting their own asses."

Many observers closest to the case are still perplexed by the way it was handled. According to reliable sources, Flo Schaffner and Tina Muchlow—the two stewardesses on board Flight 305 who could identify Cooper—said the FBI released a composite of the skyjacker that looked nothing like him, even though they had worked closely with an FBI artist.

Both Summers and Brown were interviewed extensively and gave agents copies of Coffelt photographs. Summers says the stewardesses told him the FBI never showed the Coffelt pictures to any of the airline crew. He also says the FBI threatened him with legal action and possible prosecution if he continued with his Coffelt investigation. Worse yet, Summers says FBI agents contacted persons who had talked to him and warned them against cooperating further.

Even 60 Minutes' intrepid Mike

Wallace had difficulty dealing with the FBI. Despite telephone conversations with agents working on the case and a meeting with Bureau Director William Webster, he unearthed no new information, and reached a frustrating dead end.

If Wallace had chosen to dig deeper, he might have uncovered strong evidence that Coffelt was telling the truth from two eyewitnesses aboard Flight 005—stewardess Tina Muchlow (now Tina Muchlow Larsen) and attorney George LaBissoniere. In the past year both have identified a photograph of Coffelt as the skyjacker. Interestingly, LaBissoniere says he previously identified an FBI photo of Coffelt a month after the incident. As far as he knows, nothing more ever happened as a result of the identification. He tried contacting the FBI several times, but no one at the Bureau ever returned his calls.

Also supporting Coffelt's story are unusual details of the skyjacking that he told Brown, facts that have never been released by lawmen or published by newsmen.

Coffelt said he "petted and touched" the stewardess in an intimate way and offered her some of the ransom money. The "groping" has been confirmed by a member of the flight crew. Larsen verifies Coffelt's claim that he changed into boots on the plane. To this day, all news reports have echoed the FBI's claim that he jumped in street shoes.

Earlier this year the D. B. Cooper story stormed back onto the front pages when some of the ransom money was recovered—not by any of the hopeful treasure-hunters who have prowled the jump region for years, but purely by accident. On February 12, during a family outing on the northern bank of the Columbia River, eight-year-old Brian Ingram was scooping out sand for a campfire site. Suddenly he shouted: "Daddy, I see money!" His father dug further and found 12 packets of crumbling \$20 bills wrapped in worn rubber bands. "It didn't look like I could spend it," says Harold Ingram. "I thought it was counterfeit."

The discovery was made about 50 miles downstream from where Coffelt said he landed and some 20 miles away from where the FBI searched for Cooper's landing spot. If the money had dropped at either location, it would have had to work its way down a tributary and eventually into the wide river. Although the bills, apparently did just that, the landing spot or exact route the money followed in the river will probably never be determined, since earth was freely moved from one river to another during a massive dredging operation in 1977 and 1978.

The currency's serial numbers did, however, match those on some of the bills given Cooper in 1971. Despite massive digging by the FBI and local police during the next several days, no more ransom money was found.

Those who believe that Jack Coffelt may have been D. B. Cooper feel that finding the money did nothing to contradict his version of the skyjacking. "After all, Coffelt did claim he lost the money," one journalist familiar with the case points out.

The FBI agent in charge of the case from the beginning, Ralph Himmelsbach, declines to discuss details of Coffelt's story or his alleged connections to the Bureau. Besides, he thinks it unlikely that D. B. Cooper ever pulled through.

"The aircraft was flying at 10,000 feet at nearly 200 mph," says Himmelsbach. "The air temperature outside was minus-seven degrees. Winds in Portland were gusting at ground level up to 40 mph. He was plunging straight down at 26 mph, the normal rate of vertical descent in sport parachuting. Add those two numbers together, and he had to strike the ground at nearly 70 mph. It's hard to conceive how he could have landed without being badly injured. Also, he lacked the necessary equipment to make such a jump. He should have had a hard hat, goggles, a leather flight jacket, a flight suit and some tools and cutters so he could free himself from whatever trees or bushes he might have gotten hung up in.

"It was an incredible gamble. Yet he was dressed in a suit, with a tie and stickpin, alligator shoes, a raincoat and dark glasses and carrying a briefcase. He seemed to be saying, 'If I make it, okay. If I don't, that's okay too.'"

And what about the report from stewardess Muchlow that she saw him change from his street shoes to boots before the jump? "That's news to me," Himmelsbach says gruffly.

A tough, old investigator, he retired from the Bureau a month after the Ingrams found some of the ransom money. Nevertheless, Himmelsbach's compulsion with solving his biggest-ever case has not ended. A private pilot, he still flies his single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza over the rugged terrain that he hopes hides the decaying parachutes and bones of D. B. Cooper. Clearly, he does not relish the prospect that the skyjacker survived the jump and lived to spend most of the money.

And he has nothing but contempt for the townspeople of Ariel, Washington, who commemorate the famous skyjacking. "They're making fun of a deadly serious matter," Himmelsbach declares.

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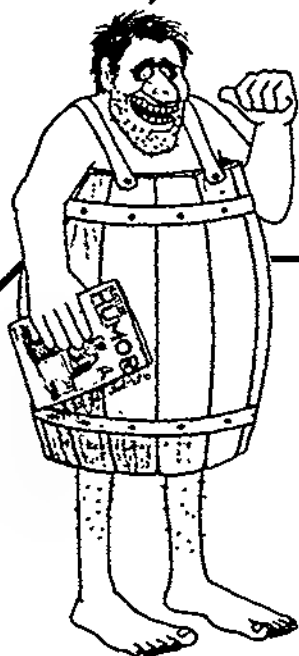
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"He [Cooper] was nothing but a common criminal. He terrorized people, threatened their lives, threatened to blow up a plane. I don't like to see someone like that celebrated."

But someone who has attended Ariel's annual D. B. Cooper Day sees the skyjacker differently: "This wasn't just a simple rip-off. We're not honoring an antihero because he got away with a crime. We do it because we all think of our own reasons why we would have done the same thing."

Undoubtedly, Himmelsbach wouldn't care to see the skyjacker glorified in a movie either. But that's exactly what famed director John Frankenheimer (*Seven Days in May*, *Black Sunday*, *The Birdman of Alcatraz* and *The Manchurian Candidate*) is doing for PolyGram Pictures, which owns the film rights to J. D. Reed's novel *Free Fall*. In this fast-paced yarn—retitled *Pursuit* for the screen—a character similar to D. B. Cooper survives his plunge from an airliner. Then he's pursued across most of the country by a determined federal agent. Yes, the skyjacker gets away.

"D. B. Cooper pulled off a stunt that everyone would love to pull off," says Frankenheimer, describing what attracted him to the story. "It's the old Robin Hood guy screwing the Establishment. The Cooper character [played by

actor Treat Williams] will be portrayed as an obsessed human being who becomes a folk hero... much like Bonnie and Clyde." The film will be released next year.

Says author Reed, who spent more than two years researching the Cooper/Coffelt story and another year writing his fictionalized version of the facts: "Sometimes I think Coffelt didn't do it. But then some mornings I wake up, and I'm sure he was D. B. Cooper."

"Whichever is true, the motivation is what makes this case so interesting. Here's a guy who held a plane for no political or personally disturbed reason. He did it straight-out for money. His was the ultimate victimless crime. After the whole thing was over and the FBI interviewed Tina Muchlow Larsen, the stewardess came to the conclusion that D. B. Cooper actually was carrying railroad flares in his briefcase. The guy didn't even have a real bomb. He never intended to hurt anybody."

Reed has his own favorite theory about the enduring D. B. Cooper legend. "There have since been a number of skyjackings bearing a resemblance to the D. B. Cooper job," he says. "I'd like to think the guy is still alive and ripping off the Establishment. They don't hardly make them like him anymore."

TERRORISM

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tions found that an attacker could quickly infect millions of people up to 20 miles away. To this day the Army denies it was responsible for an extremely rare outbreak of *Serratia marcescens*-linked pneumonia that hospitalized 11 individuals and killed one patient.

Nor did the Army limit its testing to the common man. On March 15, 1962, Chemical and Biological Warfare researchers carried out a simulated assassination of President John F. Kennedy by planting vapor-emitting items in the tourist sections of the White House. These vapors were then carried into the air-conditioning system, past guards and into the Oval Office. And the CIA has since admitted plotting the germ-weapon assassination of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, but these plans were not carried out.

Then there were the two members of a neo-Nazi organization called RISE arrested by Chicago police in 1972. One, who worked in a local hospital, had aroused suspicion by his preoccupation with gaining access to deadly disease specimens. When caught, he was found to have brewed up "a quantity"—about 80 pounds—of typhoid bacteria. RISE

members, according to Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, had planned to inoculate themselves, then to inject the lethal germs into the water supplies of Chicago and other Midwestern cities. When the expected epidemic killed the present population off, the RISE madmen believed, they would repopulate the land with a "master race" bred from their own superior seed.

The commissioner of the Chicago Water and Sewers Department assured citizens that chlorine in their drinking water would have killed the typhoid germs. We can hope this is true, but such protective chemicals would not necessarily have killed germs (such as those that cause anthrax) created by the Army's CBW program.

Using germs supplied by or stolen or purchased from research-supply houses, terrorists with the basic skills of a biology sophomore could cook up batches of botulism germs able to kill millions of people. "It scares the shit out of me," said one Pentagon specialist. "Hell, a crazy could stir up enough germs in his bathtub to wipe out New York City! And it doesn't require any special skill or any secrets... just a twisted mind."

But terrorists armed with more-

Las Vegas, Nev.
Dec. 14, 1983

Dear

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Thank you for sending the nice, informative letter. I'm sorry I didn't respond sooner, but shortly after our phone conversation I had to leave for Los Angeles for 10 days. I am hoping to negotiate a television movie deal on Jack's story about D. B. Cooper.

My trip to Memphis will have to be postponed until after New Year's, but I hope to see you in January and will bring the book with me then. Could you send the photograph of you and Jack in Mexico that you mentioned in your letter? I can have it nicely reproduced in our photo lab here and will return the original plus a copy and a negative for you.

If I can develop interest in this story in Hollywood, I am sure

that you and [redacted] could perhaps
be a part of a television script.
It takes a lot of negotiating, but
I think eventually this will
make a nice story for TV, and
I'll do my best to get it
going.

Hope all is going well with
you and [redacted] and I look
forward to seeing you next
month. The photographs and the
letter from the parole board concerning
Jack will both be very helpful
to me in trying to sell the
story to Hollywood, so please send
them if you will as soon as possible.
I'll be in touch soon. Hope you
enjoy the articles.

Take care,

[redacted]

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 2/9/90

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re UNSUB; (FNU) [redacted] - SOURCE; SUB J
MISCELLANEOUS PERSONS, and Portland airtel to Seattle dated
12/11/89.

Referenced communication enclosed a letter written by
an anonymous writer from [redacted] in Walla Walla,
Washington, telephone number [redacted]. The letter
suggested (FNU) [redacted] as possibly being identical with UNSUB in
this matter. The letter was not specific as to the reason [redacted]
should be considered a suspect other than to suggest that [redacted]
and [redacted] made two or three trips to Juneau, Alaska, a
short period of time after the hijacking to apparently be with a
relative that had been hurt in an airplane crash.

SA [redacted] has determined that the subscriber to [redacted]
[redacted] in Walla Walla, Washington, is [redacted]. In
view of the fact that there does not appear to be any direct
evidence to indicate (FNU) [redacted] should be considered a suspect
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 (OO: Seattle)

Enclosed for Seattle is one original letter written by an anonymous writer from address [redacted] Walla Walla, Washington, telephone number [redacted]. The letter is being routed to Seattle for evaluation and follow-up investigation.

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ALL These years I MAY OF had some knowledge
OF The D.D. COOPER AIRPLANE HI-JACK without my
Realizing IT. I Believe He WAS FROM JUNEAU,
ALASKA, ALSO WAS INJURED AND DIED LATER,
FROM Those INJURIES. He WAS AN EXPERIENCED
PILOT-MARRIED WITH CHILDREN. HIS, WIFE'S MOTHER
AND STEP FATHER LIVED AT KALAMA, WASHINGTON.
STEP FATHER IS DEAD-DON'T KNOW ABOUT MOTHER.
There LAST NAME WAS [REDACTED]

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(COOPER)

HIS WIFE'S - BROTHER - [REDACTED]

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WIFE'S NAME [REDACTED]

LIVE AT

ALBANY, OREGON. He DID WORK AT O.S.U.

They HAD [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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DID LIVE IN ALBANY - WAS

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MARRIED [REDACTED]

AND The NAME [REDACTED]

OF The

Boy WHO FOUND The money seems To HAVE A
CONNECTION IN This SOME WAY. She DID

HAVE [REDACTED]

new Home,

CAR ETC PURCHASED BY Her DAD. [REDACTED]

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ANOTHER ONE. NEW BOAT, TRUCKS, CARS, ALSO AN
AIRPLANE WHICH WAS AT ALBANY AIR PORT.

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my wife who is now deceased - took care
of the [] children for several days
at the time of the HI-JACKING, AND AFTER.

I remember her mention the [] having
to go help find his sister's husband
who'd been hurt in an airplane crash, or
something in that area.

[] sister, was at their house
a few days before the HI-JACKING. Also was to
return to her mother's in KALAMA, WASH.

I believe (COOPER) WAS FOUND AND - either died
in WASHINGTON OR WAS MOVED BACK TO
TUNEAU where he died AND WAS BURIED.

Either way [] made
two or three trips to TUNEAU ALASKA A
short period of time AFTER the HI-JACKING.
They also flew to Reno, then to Southern
CALIF. also to HAWAII. [] ALSO MADE SEVERAL
TRIPS BY HIS SELF. SEVERAL TRIPS TO MEXICO.

IT MAY BE THAT [] WAS THE NAME OF
(COOPER) OR HIS WIFE'S. MY WIFE MAY HAVE SAID
IT AT THE TIME - SOMEWAY IT SURE SEEMS
TO BE CONNECTED TO THIS.

The [REDACTED] ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA IN WHICH COOPER'S WAS TO OF DISAPPEARED, ALSO BEEN ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER MANY TIMES FISHING. ALSO, AN EXPERIENCED SMALL PLANE PILOT.

IF YOU FIND THAT THESE BITS AND PIECES MAY HELP YOU AND I CAN FURTHER HELP YOU

[REDACTED]
WALLA WALLA, WASH.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]
Wallin Waller Wash.
[Redacted]



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Portland Oregon

DB Cooper-20814

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [] at Los Angeles, California:

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After several cancellations, [] appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation accompanied by a woman who wanted to remain anonymous. The woman stated that the reason she wanted to remain anonymous was that she was in the []. She picked the name [] to be called. It should be noted that [] was not recognized as [].

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[] advised that she and her husband have been residing part time in south Kern County in the community, Pine Mountain Club, California. She stated that a resident, [] has lived in the community for approximately [] years. He is a very secretive individual, never really discussing his past. He mentioned that he had been in the military and seemed to have knowledge of parachuting, but [] was unable to say if it was through experience or by some other means.

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She recalled that [] years ago, [] had approximately [] in cash, which he deposited in the 1st International Bank, Frazier Park, California. [] never mentioned where he got the money. She added that he has never worked as far as she knows and could provide no reason for him having that amount of cash.

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[] stated that several months ago the D.B. COOPER incident was aired on Unsolved Mysterious. She stated that after seeing the television program, she feels that [] resembles an aged D.B. COOPER. At this point, [] indicated that her involvement in the [] was in [].

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[] She stated that from her experience and belief, [] could be an aged D.B. COOPER. She described [] as a white male, approximately 57 years of age, gray balding hair, 5'11", 235 pounds. When asked specifically about [] making statements about being D.B. COOPER, hijacking airplanes or extortion, [] could provide no information which could connect them as being the same person, other than resembling each other.

[] advised that [] resides in a house believed to be on [] in the City of Pine Mountain Club. She stated the house does not have numbers but is believed to be owned by [] who has a [] Commercial Center, Pine Mountain Club.

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[] stated that [] is a good friend of [] and may not be totally cooperative, unless approached

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appropriately. She added that Pine Mountain Club is a small community which is patrolled by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Frazier Park Substation.

She stated that [] has recently been driving a [] pickup with California license []

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A check through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) revealed that California vehicle license [] was on a [] pickup, registered to [] Frazier Park, California.

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CLETS further revealed that [] has California driver's license number [] He is described as follows:

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|---------------|---------------------|-----|
| Sex | Male | [] |
| Date of Birth | [] | |
| Height | 6'1" | |
| Weight | 190 pounds | |
| Hair | Brown | |
| Eyes | Brown | |
| Address | [] | |
| | Frazier Park [] | |
| | (effective 10/3/91) | |
| | [] | |
| | Frazier Park | |

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CLETS revealed numerous California driver's license under the name [] The check reveal several in the 57-60 age group, but none with a Frazier Park or Pine Mountain Club address.

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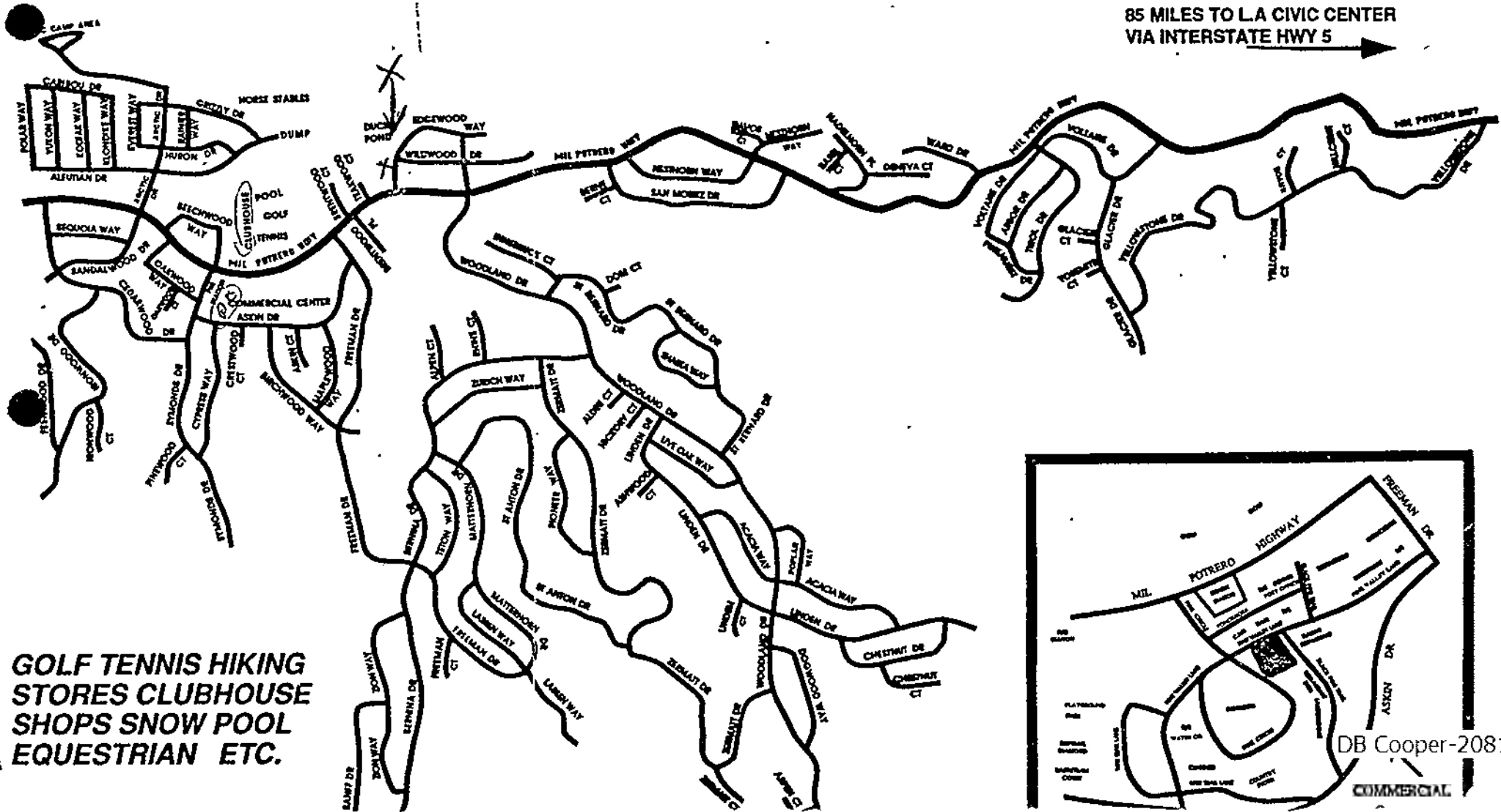
On 4/27/92, [] recontacted the FBI office, and advised that [] had no further information to provide. He also stated that [] is still residing in Pine Mountain Club, according to []

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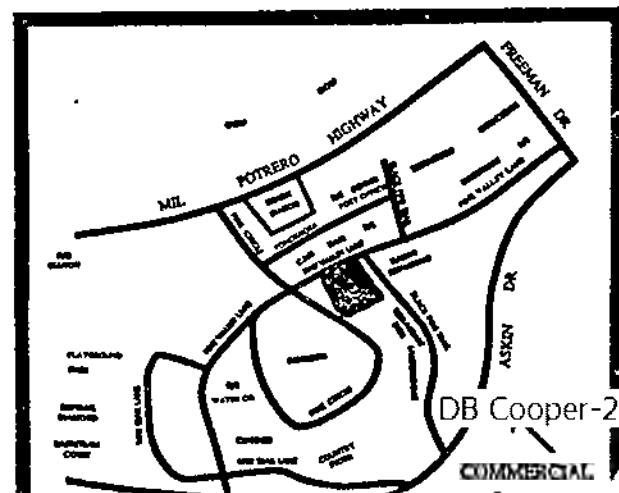


From Los Angeles go north out through the San Fernando Valley on I-5. After you pass Magic Mtn and Castaic Lake, it is 25 serene hilly miles to Gorman. Just after Gorman, take the Frazier Park/Mt. Pinos off-ramp left under the freeway. Stay on this road for 12.2 miles, straight thru the Frazier Park area into the heavily forested region. At the 12.2 mile point turn right on Mil Potrero Hwy. It is another 6 miles of Forest Land to Pine Mtn. Club. To find "REALTY WORLD® Mountain Properties", turn left at the Exxon station (across from the Golf Course), go 50 yards up Pine Circle to Pine Valley Lane. We are in the building on the southeast corner of that tiny intersection.

85 MILES TO L.A. CIVIC CENTER
VIA INTERSTATE HWY 5



**GOLF TENNIS HIKING
STORES CLUBHOUSE
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DB Cooper-20818

COMMERCIAL

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Date 5/8/92

INDICES

MANUAL *Am*FOIMS *Am*

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (164-497) (C-1) (P) CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : NORJAK *ONR 164-81*
 CAA
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Sacramento and Seattle are two copies of a map reflecting Pine Mountain Club, California, and two copies each of an investigative insert.

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI received information from [redacted] Sherman Oaks, California [redacted] that he is acting as an intermediary for a woman who wants to remain anonymous. He stated that the woman, who wanted to use the name [redacted] was connected to the [redacted] and has some information to provide the FBI regarding a person who resembled D.B. COOPER.

Arrangements were made to have [redacted] appear at the Los Angeles Office.

Los Angeles is aware of the non-specific information connecting the look-alike, [redacted] with subject D.B. COOPER, however, Los Angeles has not been able to identify [redacted] or eliminate him as being D.B. COOPER.

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 2 - Seattle (Enc. 4) *Rec. L.L.*
 2 - Los Angeles

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LEAD

SACRAMENTO DIVISION

AT PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB AND FRAZIER PARK, CALIFORNIA:

Conduct appropriate investigation through [redacted]
[redacted] to identify [redacted] and determine if identical to
D.B. COOPER.

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INDICES

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Date 5/12/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-136)
 FROM : *NSM* SAC, NEW ORLEANS (164A-81)(RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Reference suspect, Seattle's airtel to New Orleans dated April 24, 1992.

Reference communication advised that an anonymous caller had telephoned the Sacramento office and suggested that was possibly identical to UNSUB in this matter. The caller advised appearance is similar to artist composite of UNSUB. Caller stated that was currently employed at PETROL TRUCK in Shreveport, Louisiana. The caller described as an adult, white male with and moustache.

Shreveport Resident Agency, New Orleans Division has determined that there is no PETROL TRUCK in the Shreveport, Louisiana area; however, there is a PETRO FUEL LUBE AND TRUCK STORE.

On May 5, 1992, contact was made with black male, of PETRO FUEL ISLAND, phone white male, PETRO LUBE, phone and white female, IRON SKILLET TRUCK STORE. and reviewed their personnel files for the various under the PETRO STOPPING CENTER. Their records show no employee by the name of or COOPER, another possible name provided by Seattle. When given the

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description of [] none of the aforementioned []
could recall ever having seen this person. A canvassing of
the area to question long term employees who may have known
[] provided no information.

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As there is no further investigation to be
conducted, this matter is considered RUC'd.

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DB Cooper-20822

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (SE 164A-81) (P)

Date 5/27/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

SUB J

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re Sub: J. (miscellaneous persons); Denver's airtel to Omaha, dated 11/20/91; and Omaha's airtel to Seattle, dated 1/21/92.

[redacted] suggested that an individual known to her as [redacted] who lived in Marion, Iowa, might be identical to the unknown subject (UNSUB) in this matter. She stated she met [redacted] through an [redacted] and he was [redacted] On one occasion,

[redacted] recalls seeing a [redacted]

When [redacted] asked,

[redacted] he replied, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished no other information which would indicate that [redacted] might be identical with the UNSUB, but it was a feeling that she had.

The Omaha Division advised by airtel, dated 1/21/92, that contact was made with [redacted] in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. [redacted] advised she was mistaken about [redacted] She had looked through a city directory and found the name [redacted] and she thought this person was identical to a [redacted] as it turns out, she later met [redacted] and realized he was not the same person known to her as [redacted] She further advised she [redacted]

[redacted] and she believes she will see him again in April or May, at which time she will contact the Omaha Office to furnish further information which may lend credence to the fact that she believes [redacted] is identical with the UNSUB in this matter.

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In view of the above information, no leads are being set out at this time to further investigate [redacted] and it does not appear that there is any reason to believe [redacted] is identical with the UNSUB. If and when [redacted] provides additional information, this matter should be reviewed to determine if the possibility exists that [redacted] may be identical with the UNSUB.

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DB Cooper-20824



120 West Michigan Ave. • Lansing, Michigan 48933 [redacted]

December 5, 1990

S.A. [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
915 Second Ave.
Room #710
Seattle, WA 98174

Dear Sir:

The enclosed information pertains to a subject who was under investigation by the narcotics unit I was previously assigned to in Kalamazoo, Michigan. I believe he is currently [redacted]

He is [redacted]

It came to my attention that [redacted] was rumored to be the D.B. Cooper who had hijacked, ransomed, then jumped out of a passenger jet sometime, I believe, in the mid to late sixties. I was also told that he was an accomplished sky diver or parachutist who would [redacted]

[redacted] I checked to see if he had been in the military and learned that he had been in the Army from [redacted] He was stationed the entire time at Ft. Benning, Georgia where he had attended jump school. I have also been told that either as work or a hobby, [redacted] in Colorado. He has a criminal history [redacted] he is currently at the Riverside Correctional Facility in Ionia, Michigan.

In the course of one investigation I spoke to an ex-wife of [redacted] who was quite cooperative. If you have questions I could probably locate her again.

[redacted] is an [redacted] to say the least. Officers who have spoken to him indicate that, if you can overlook the fact that [redacted] he is quite likeable. [redacted] and if not respected was at least accepted in social circles.

The information I've enclosed contains most of the reports, etc. that I could assemble on [redacted] There are also several photos of [redacted]

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varying quality. It appears that the oldest is from 1972.

If you need additional information, please contact me. Please return the reports to me when you are finished with them. If you need to reach me by telephone, my number is [REDACTED] I look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
Tri-County Metro Narcotics

[REDACTED] jfb

DB Cooper-20826

THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CALHOUN

The People of the State of Michigan)

Docket #

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Charge

Respondent

ORDER OF DETAINER

To the Sheriff of Calhoun County:

Pursuant to the authority granted in the General Order dated "April 24, 1985" the above defendant shall be detained until further notice of the Probation Department.

Dated this 17th. day of JANUARY, 19 87.

Probation Officer

HALL OF JUSTICE
80 EAST STATE STREET
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017

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[redacted]
STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CALHOUN

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

[redacted]
v
[redacted]
Defendant.

This defendant entered a plea of GUILTY on August 19, 1981, [redacted] (Count II), in violation of the provisions of Section 14.15(7401)(1) Michigan Statutes Annotated. The court accepted [redacted] defendant guilty as charged. Therefore, Count I, is dismissed.

A pre-sentence investigation report of [redacted] probation officer of this court, is complete. The court having nothing further to say the sentence of the court is as follows.

Sentence. [redacted] fine and [redacted] costs. Fine and costs are payable as follows: [redacted] within ninety (90) days and the remaining fine and costs of [redacted] are to be prorated over the first [redacted] years of probation. Defendant is to spend the first [redacted] months in the Calhoun County Jail which is suspended for one (1) year pending defendant's performance as to the agreements made. For further information, see complete probation order on file.

Dated: Friday, December 11, 1981, Battle Creek, MI

Creighton R. Colman
Creighton R. Colman, Circuit Court

Attorney for defendant is
[redacted]
Battle Creek, MI

Sheriff

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[REDACTED]

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CALHOUN

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

VS

JUDGE'S STATEMENT

[REDACTED]

Defendant.

This defendant pled guilty on August 19, 1981, to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in violation of the provisions of Section 28.354(1), Michigan
Statutes Annotated. The Court accepted defendant's plea and found the
defendant guilty as charged.

Honorable Creighton R. Coleman placed defendant on [REDACTED] with
a Fine of [REDACTED] and Court Costs of [REDACTED] within ninety days
and the remaining Fine and Costs of [REDACTED] to be prorated over the first
[REDACTED] years of probation, and [REDACTED] jail time to be suspended.

DEFERRED SENTENCE: Six (6) month's jail time cancelled, probation to
continue. See Order of Probation on file.

Dated: December 6, 1982.

James C. Kingsley
James C. Kingsley
Circuit Judge

[REDACTED]

Attorney for Defendant

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (SE 164A-81) (P)

Date 5/27/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re Sub: J. (miscellaneous persons).

[redacted] TRI-COUNTY METRO NARCOTICS SQUAD, Lansing, Michigan provided information concerning [redacted] advised it had come to his attention that [redacted] was rumored to be identical with D. B. COOPER, subject of captioned investigation. [redacted] stated he had been informed that [redacted] was an accomplished sky diver and had been in the ARMY from [redacted] to [redacted] where he was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia and attended jump school there.

[redacted] provided rap sheets and photographs concerning the criminal history for [redacted] which are attached to this memorandum.

[redacted] described [redacted] in his letter and in the reports as follows:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | 5'11" |
| Weight | 190 pounds |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Complexion | Medium |
| Address | [redacted] Battle Creek, Michigan |
| Telephone | [redacted] |
| FBI number | [redacted] |
| Social Security | [redacted] |
| Account Number | [redacted] |

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The author reviewed the attached photographs of [] and noted they depicted a stocky, white male, approximately 5'11" in height with a []. In view of the fact [] would have been [] years old at the time of the hijacking and in view of the fact that he has a distinct feature, that of [] which was not mentioned by any of the witnesses who described the unknown subject in this matter, no further investigation will be conducted concerning [] as it pertains to captioned matter.

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Date 6/10/92

TO : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re subject 386 RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.

Because of the recently published books regarding the similarities between MC COY and the unknown subject in this matter, renewed interest in MC COY as a NORJAK suspect is being generated. The Salt Lake City Division is requested to forward to Seattle any information in its files regarding RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., that has not previously been made available to Seattle. This would include information concerning MC COY's involvement in captioned crime as well as MC COY's involvement in the UNITED AIRLINES hijacking.

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Date 6/10/92

TO : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)
SUBJECT : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re subject 386 RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.

The following information is a summary of investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED] that indicates that RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., is not identical with Unknown Subject (UNSUB):

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Physical differences:

MC COY

28 years old
Ears stick out
Blue eyes
Did not smoke (?)

COOPER

45 years old
Ears do not stick out
Brown eyes
Did smoke



In April 1972, all three stewardesses of the hijacked NORTHWEST ORIENT airplane after viewing MC COY's photograph stated that they were quite certain that MC COY was not identical to COOPER.

When MC COY's home was searched after his arrest by the FBI for the UNITED AIRLINES hijacking, \$499,970.00 of the \$500,000.00 ransom was recovered. None of the DB COOPER ransom was found.

After MC COY was convicted and received a 45-year sentence for the UNITED AIRLINES hijacking, no attempt was made to plea bargain the NORJAK hijacking even though it would have been to MC COY's financial as well as his personal advantage to do so.

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A [redacted] at Brigham Young University, [redacted] placed MC COY at his residence in Provo, Utah, at 10:00 a.m. on 11/25/71, the day after NORJAK. UNSUB was last seen at about 8:00 p.m. on 11/24/71, when he parachuted into dense woods in the southern part of the state of Washington.

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COOPER instructed the NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES pilot to fly south after taking off from Seattle/Tacoma International Airport. He did not specify any direction nor any vector that should be flown nor did he specify any changes while in flight. It was clear from this command that COOPER did not particularly care where the plane went as long as it went south from Seattle. This would tend to imply that COOPER was not being met on the ground by an accomplice nor did he intend to find something he had left on the ground such as a car or clothing or other paraphernalia to aid him after he reached the ground subsequent to his parachuting from the airplane.

In view of this it would have been necessary for UNSUB to have landed on the ground on the evening of 11/24/71, at about 8:00 p.m. and somewhere in a dense wooded area in southern Washington and somehow have made it back to his home in Provo, Utah, by 10:00 a.m. the next morning. He was observed in his home completely rested without marks or physical injuries of any kind by the above-named Brigham Young University [redacted]. It seems highly unlikely that an individual would have been able to maneuver from the wooded area in Washington to Provo, Utah, without taking some sort of airplane transportation to do so. The nearest airport to where UNSUB would have landed in southern Washington was the Portland airport which was the airport at which the NORJAK hijacking originated. During the evening of 11/24/71, it was quite busy with law enforcement personnel of all kinds including FBI Agents in and about the airport conducting interviews and conducting other investigation.

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In view of the above information, it seems unlikely that MC COY is identical with UNSUB subject in this matter.

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Date 5/27/92

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (164-100)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (SE 164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re Sub: [redacted] and Phoenix airtel to
 Seattle, dated 4/10/92.

[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect in this
 case [redacted] who lives in
 [redacted] Arizona. According to [redacted]
 while under the influence of alcohol, told her that he had
 [redacted]
 [redacted] also stated [redacted] had expressed [redacted]
 that he fears being caught by the FBI. Finally, [redacted]
 stated [redacted]
 [redacted]

In order to resolve this matter, the following
 leads are set forth.

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 2- Seattle (SE 164A-81)

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SE 164A-81

LEADS:

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT [] ARIZONA

Will recontact [] and attempt to determine the following information concerning []

1. Does [] or did he ever smoke cigarettes, and if so, what brand?

2. Will attempt to obtain a complete description of [] to include any physical marks or other attributes that he may have, including tattoos, a limp, etc.

3. Will attempt to determine from [] the feasibility of arranging a confidential interview [] in order to verify [] story, as well as to determine additional information concerning []

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re [redacted] source.
Seattle airtel to Denver dated 7/31/89, Seattle airtel to Denver dated 1/23/90. Denver letter to Seattle dated 4/2/90.

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As a result of a telephone call from a caller who identified himself as [redacted] of Denver, Colorado, telephone number [redacted] was suggested as being identical with UNSUB in this matter. No further investigation other than the fact that [redacted] is a former paratrooper in World War I and has lived and worked in a [redacted] in Wyoming.

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The Denver Division was able to determine that telephone number [redacted] was subscribed to by [redacted] [redacted] Denver, Colorado. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is unknown to her.

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A [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was located in the Interwest Crisscross Directory and the U.S. WEST telephone directory for the Denver Metropolitan area. There was only one [redacted] in the Metropolitan Denver area indicated in these directories. [redacted] was interviewed and stated that he had never contacted the FBI concerning the TV show "Unsolved Mysteries," and has never heard of [redacted]

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In view of this information, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of captioned case.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re [redacted] ("Unsolved Mysteries" lead).

[redacted] was suggested as a possible suspect in this matter as the result of an anonymous telephone call received by the television show "Unsolved Mysteries." The only reason given that [redacted] should be considered a suspect was that he is an expert parachute jumper.

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It was learned through investigation that [redacted] is five feet eight inches tall and has a stocky build. In view of the fact that UNSUB has been described as six feet tall with medium build, it appears unlikely that [redacted] is identical with UNSUB in this matter. In addition, there is no reference made to a reward by the anonymous caller as would have been done if the caller had specific information which would indicate [redacted] was identical with UNSUB. This appears to be a supposition call by someone in the Klamath Falls, Oregon area who remembered [redacted] and remembered the fact that he was a parachute jumper.

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In view of the above, no further investigation will be conducted concerning [redacted] at this time.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re [redacted]

[redacted] was initially suggested as a suspect in this matter because he supposedly gave [redacted] to [redacted] of Provo, Utah. [redacted] supposedly [redacted]

That [redacted]

[redacted] was located and interviewed, at which time she advised she is currently using her maiden name, [redacted] stated that she did not recall [redacted] and has, in fact, [redacted] but [redacted] and [redacted] at this time.

[redacted] is under the belief that [redacted] is identical with UNSUB in this matter but, again, has no firsthand knowledge and no evidence to indicate that this is true. [redacted] and is fascinated with the crime that UNSUB committed. He speaks of it often and likes to comment on the crime every time he spends a \$20.00 bill.

A view of the file fails to reveal any indication that [redacted] is involved in this crime in any way. [redacted] would have been [redacted] years old at the time of the hijacking, and, therefore, his age would indicate that he is not identical with UNSUB in this matter. In view of this fact and in view of the

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fact that all of the reasons for which this case was initially opened have been completely disproved, no further investigation concerning [] will be conducted at this time.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re [redacted] and Richmond airtel to
Seattle dated 1/9/92.

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[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect in this
matter by [redacted]. There appears to be
little information that would indicate [redacted] is involved in
captioned crime other than a suspicion by [redacted] that
he was capable of committing such a crime.

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[redacted] is described as a White male, six feet
four inches, brown hair, blue eyes, with a date of birth in [redacted]

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In view of the fact that [redacted] would have been
[redacted] years old at the time of the hijacking and is several inches
taller than the UNSUB, no further investigation should be
conducted concerning him.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE [redacted]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re [redacted] son of D. B. COOPER;
Boston teletype to Seattle and Norfolk dated 6/11/90; Norfolk
teletype to Seattle and Boston dated 6/19/90; and Norfolk airtel
to Seattle dated 6/27/90.

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Information concerning the suspect was furnished by
[redacted] New Ipswich, New Hampshire. [redacted]
advised he had gone hunting for big horn sheep on or about
9/11/87. The [redacted] the hunt was named [redacted]
[redacted] lived in Penticton, B.C., telephone number
[redacted]

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During this hunt, [redacted] introduced [redacted] to an
individual as [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had
ever heard to D. B. COOPER, the airplane hijacker. [redacted] said
that [redacted] went on to tell him that [redacted] was the son
of D. B. COOPER. [redacted] never had any conversations with [redacted]
[redacted] about his father, D. B. COOPER.

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[redacted] was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted]
and questioned concerning the above information. [redacted] stated
that he really does not know [redacted] that well and that
[redacted] father is named [redacted] stated he
has never met [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] lives in Winfield,
B.C., and is listed in the telephone book under the name [redacted]
[redacted] His telephone number is [redacted] stated
that [redacted] is [redacted] years old now and used to work as an
[redacted] for hunting trips. He currently works as a [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] advised that there was no truth to the rumor that [redacted] is D. B. COOPER's son. He explained that this was just a joke and that people liked to think that they know something or someone famous. [redacted] reiterated that there was absolutely no truth at all to the rumor that [redacted] was in any way related to UNSUB in this matter.

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UNSUB, when he hijacked the NORTHWEST AIRLINES airplane, used the name DAN COOPER to purchase his airplane ticket. It is unlikely that someone would hijack an airplane and use his real surname as the name under which he buys the ticket. In view of this fact and in view of the fact that [redacted] now states that this was merely a joke on his part, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of the case.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re [redacted] son of D. B. COOPER.

[redacted] Winfield, B.C.,
[redacted] telephonically advised that his father is [redacted]
[redacted] stated his father is wanted by the
U.S. Marshal's Service out of Minneapolis, Minnesota, for [redacted]
[redacted] stated the U.S. Marshal
working the case is [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he learned from [redacted] that there
was a rumor that his father had been killed. He last saw his
father in 1977. He described him as a White male, DOB [redacted]
five feet eleven inches in height, 180 pounds, black hair, green
eyes. As a result of an [redacted] in late 1960, his
father had a [redacted]

[redacted] In addition, he had a little scar on his lip that was
barely discernable as a result of the same accident.

[redacted] stated that his father did not smoke
cigarettes but did smoke cigars and that his father had no
parachuting experience that he knew of but was a member of the
U.S. Air Force at one time.

[redacted] stated that he has no information at all
that would indicate his father is involved in any way in
captioned crime. He supposes that his name and his father's name
were brought up in connection with captioned crime as pure
speculation on the part of friends or associates.

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Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re SUB J miscellaneous persons. [redacted]
speculations. Also reference a letter from NORTHWEST AIRLINES to
Seattle FBI dated 1/9/92.

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[redacted] Hixson,
Tennessee [redacted] wrote a letter to NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES
requesting information concerning the reward in captioned case.
A copy of that letter was forwarded to the Seattle Office of the
FBI by [redacted]

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On 4/30/92, [redacted] was contacted at his home
in Hixson, Tennessee, telephonically by SA [redacted]
stated that he is engaged in pure speculation, however, it is his
view that the UNSUB in this matter is actually a Black man who
could pass for a White man. [redacted] stated the 551st Airborne was
an Army Airborne Unit that was founded during World War II
comprised of all Black men. They were unable to fight in World
War II, but at the end of the war in 1946 some of them were sent
to the north west to help fight fires. It is his assumption that
one of these men that were sent here was, in fact, UNSUB who was
actually a Black man who could pass as a White. [redacted]
speculates that this caused the man frustration at the fact that
he was Black and that this reason led him to hijack the NORTHWEST
ORIENT AIRLINES airplane. [redacted] stated that he had no
firsthand information and did not have "the big picture" but it
just seemed to him that this was a possibility.

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In view of the above information, no investigation
appears to be warranted and therefore no further investigation
concerning this aspect of the case will be conducted.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re SUB J miscellaneous persons. [redacted] Source.

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On 10/15/91, [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Room [redacted] stated that in 1972 he was involved in the hippie movement. He stated he was in the Great Gorge area in a small town at about that time. He stated that FBI Agents were there arresting girls and using ultraviolet light on them. He stated that he gave some money that he found in the woods to the girls, approximately [redacted] He stated that he buried [redacted] of the money at a [redacted] and burned the rest of the money. He stated that he buried the money in a [redacted] He stated he found a parachute that had a white canopy and found a body near where he found the money.

[redacted] stated that the body was hanging from a tree, and handcuffed to the wrist was a briefcase. He stated that inside the briefcase he found [redacted] He advised he took the money, traveled about [redacted] miles and then buried the money in the sand.

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[redacted] seemed confused during the interview and did not seem to have a coherent idea of what he wanted to say. He was asked by SA [redacted] if he could find where he buried the money; he stated he did not think so.

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In view of the above information it does not appear that this source has any information of value that would help the investigation. Therefore, no further investigation concerning this aspect of captioned matter will be conducted.

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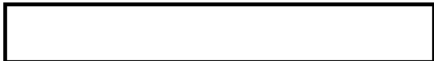
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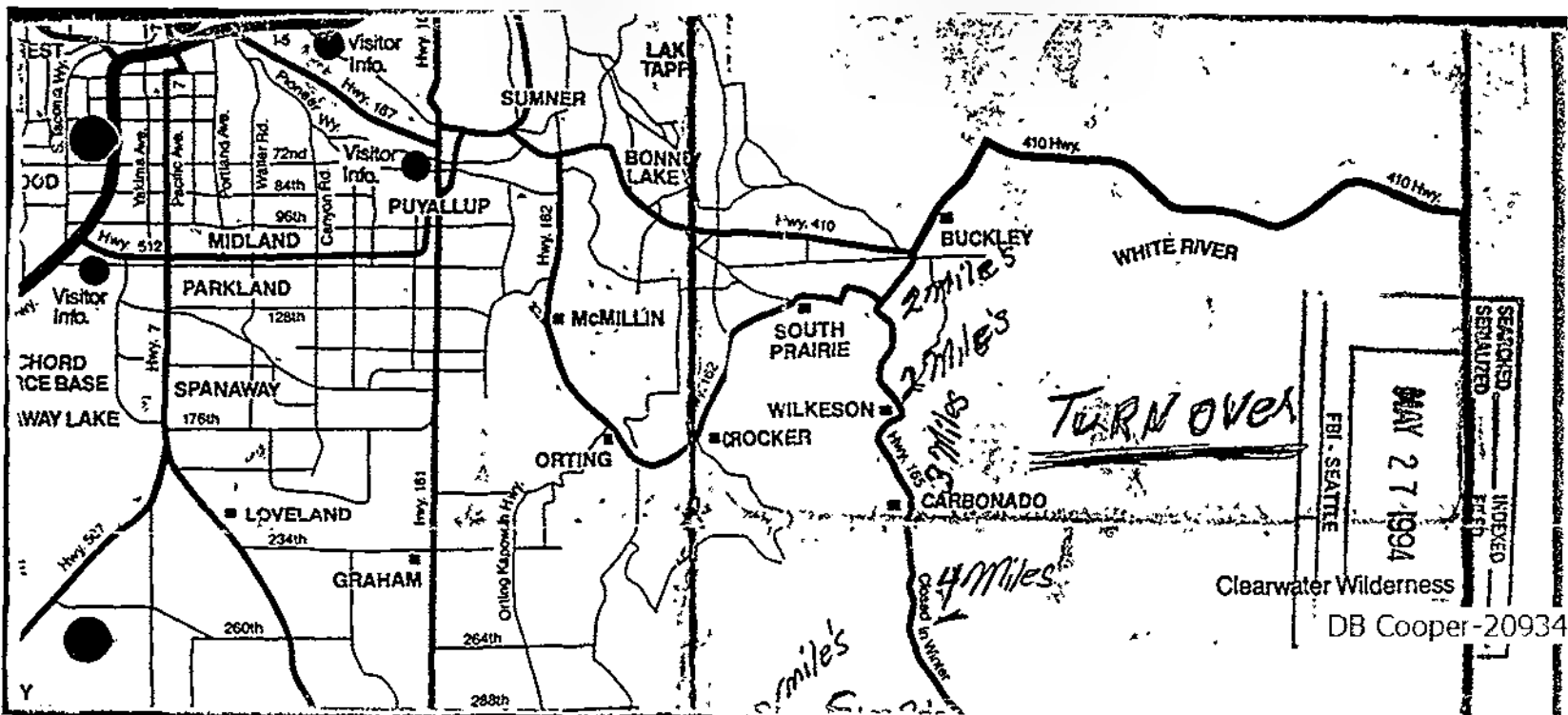
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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re SUB J miscellaneous persons, [redacted]

On 1/13/92, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] stated that he was formerly in the Air Force and is currently retired from the [redacted]. He stated he was [redacted] years old.

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[redacted] stated that he is writing a fiction book concerning captioned crime. He advised he has received 180 pages of information from Headquarters and 34 pages that contain information as to the serial numbers of the hijacked money.

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[redacted] stated that he would like to know the status of the case and whether we have any cockpit voice recordings taken during the hijacking. [redacted] was advised that the case was pending and that because of the fact it was pending no specific information could be given to anyone outside of law enforcement concerning this matter.

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Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Sub J, Miscellaneous Persons; (FNU) [redacted] -
Suspect; [redacted] - Source.

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[redacted] was suggested as a suspect by [redacted] because, according to [redacted] resembles the artist's composite of UNSUB in this matter. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] hobby was skydiving, although [redacted] stated [redacted] never had any military training in this sport. It appears that [redacted] is basing his recollection of [redacted] on an acquaintance some 30 years ago.

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In the absence of any specific information which would indicate [redacted] should be considered a suspect and also in light in the fact that it does not appear that it would be possible to locate a military record for [redacted] without more specific information, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of captioned crime.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Sub J, Miscellaneous Persons, [redacted] -
Suspect; [redacted] Source.

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On 4/21/92, [redacted] telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] Bothell, Washington, was telephonically contacted by SA
[redacted] She stated she used to date [redacted] who lived in
Renton, Washington, at the time. He was a [redacted] for BOEING and
[redacted] She stated that he had a mother who
lived on a ranch in Oregon and that it was her theory that
[redacted] could have dropped the money on his mother's ranch and
picked it up later. She stated she had no direct evidence that
would indicate [redacted] is involved in this hijacking and that her
thoughts were pure speculation.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Sub J, Miscellaneous Persons; [redacted]
[redacted] - Source. Phoenix airtel to Seattle dated 5/11/90.

[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect in this matter by [redacted] who met [redacted] in a bar, at which time [redacted] appeared to be an [redacted] and inebriated. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was D.B. COOPER and that in 1965 he hijacked a NORTHWEST AIRLINE's flight from Portland, Oregon, and changed airplanes to a Military C130 or C141. He demanded \$500,000.00 in two duffle bags and made it down with only one. He also threw money in the Snake River to deceive trackers.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a [redacted] year old White male, five feet seven inches tall, 165 to 170 pounds, with a beer belly and silver gray hair combed straight back. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] had a [redacted]. He also stated that [redacted] had a [redacted].

In view of the above information, no further investigation is warranted concerning this suspect.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re SUB J, MISCELLANEOUS PERSONS: [redacted]
[redacted] SOURCE.

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Re Denver airtel to Seattle dated 10/2/90.

In the interview of [redacted] the following discrepancies were noted that would indicate [redacted] should not be considered as a suspect in this matter:

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1. [redacted] stated that [redacted] used the name D. B. COOPER at the of the hijacking because [redacted]
[redacted] It is noted that UNSUB did not use the name D. B. COOPER in this hijacking.
2. [redacted] said that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] in order to avoid drawing attention. It is assumed by this that she is alleging that [redacted] was pretending to be a hunter and thereby escape detection. It is clear from the events of the hijacking that UNSUB did not care where the airplane went as long as it went south of the Seattle area. UNSUB would have no way of knowing where he was going to land and, therefore, probably did not contemplate finding anything that he had left on the ground when he landed there.

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3. [] stated that after [] was jailed for a previous crime [] and one of [] and [] used in the hijacking. UNSUB in this matter was not [] nor did he use one in the hijacking. He also did not display an [] of any kind during the hijacking that was noted by the stewardesses who were with him continuously for over six hours.

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4. [] stated that [] had always been disappointed that the [] [] UNSUB in this matter jumped out of the rear air stairs of a 727 and, therefore, it would have been impossible for him to []

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5. [] describes [] as a White male, born [] UNSUB in this matter was described in his mid 40s. [] would have been [] years old at the time of the hijacking.

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In view of the above information, it does not appear likely that [] is involved in captioned crime.

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No further investigation will be conducted concerning him.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Sub J Miscellaneous Persons, [redacted]
[redacted] Source; and Sacramento airtel to Seattle dated
1/15/92, Serial 9097.

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[redacted] was suggested as a suspect in this
matter by [redacted] who had read an article in the newspaper
and saw a picture regarding D.B. COOPER. [redacted] stated that he
thought [redacted] strongly resembled the picture of the
hijacker. [redacted] last spoke to [redacted] in 1971. [redacted] described
[redacted] as a paratrooper in the Army who chain-smoked Raleigh
cigarettes.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] would be approximately 48 to
50 years old at the present time. This would make him between 27
and 29 years old at the time of the hijacking.

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In view of the fact that [redacted] has had no contact with
[redacted] for over 20 years and is relying solely on his memory of
[redacted] likeness and also in view of the fact that [redacted] was
apparently 27 to 29 years old at the time of the hijacking, it
does not appear that any additional investigation is warranted
concerning [redacted] as a possible suspect in this matter.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 6/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re [redacted] (LNU), [redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona. Denver airtel to Seattle dated 7/11/89,
Seattle airtel to Phoenix dated 1/23/90, and Phoenix airtel to
Seattle dated 5/11/90.

An anonymous caller advised a Denver television station
that a person whom he knew as [redacted] (LNU), lives at [redacted]
[redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, and
[redacted] on numerous occasions. The caller stated that [redacted]
LNU is D.B. COOPER.

The Phoenix Division, through investigation at Phoenix,
Arizona, learned that [redacted] have been
[redacted] The [redacted]
[redacted] advised, after searching their records, that
they were unable to find any indication that an individual whose
first name was [redacted] lived at [redacted] and was
interested [redacted] In addition, individuals interested in
parachuting, [redacted] with piloting experience or aviation jobs,
or any individual matching the description of D.B. COOPER were
all checked and [redacted] was unable to furnish information
that would lead the investigators to believe that persons
matching those descriptions were residents of [redacted]
[redacted]

In view of the above information, no further
investigation concerning this aspect of captioned crime will be
conducted.

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[REDACTED]
NORJACK [REDACTED]

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELCALL TO SA [REDACTED] NEWARK DIVISION,

7/9/92.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEWARK AND SEATTLE, INVESTIGATION HAS
LOCATED SUSPECT, [REDACTED] RESIDING AT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, NO HOME TELEPHONE.

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[REDACTED] IS AN UNEMPLOYED [REDACTED] AND IS WILLING TO BE

INTERVIEWED REGARDING ANY MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE FBI.

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PASS: OAKLAND RESIDENT AGENCY.

SUBJECT: NORJACK; C.A.A. HIJACKING; OO: SEATTLE; [REDACTED]

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CITE: //3510:3413//

PASS: OAKLAND RESIDENT AGENCY.

SUBJECT: NORJACK; C.A.A. -HIJACKING; OO: SEATTLE; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NORJACK [REDACTED]

RE: SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO NEWARK AND SEATTLE, 3/2/92:

TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED] SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA, RA TO NEWARK

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7/9/92, TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED], NEWARK DIVISION.

GMRA, TO SA [REDACTED] OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, RA 7/9/92;

NEWARK TELCALL TO SSA [REDACTED] SEATTLE, 7/9/92; SAN

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FRANCISCO TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED] TO NEWARK, 7/10/92.

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FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES ON JULY 9, 1992, THE OAKLAND CALIFORNIA RA LOCATED SUSPECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITE, MALE, DOB [REDACTED] SOC NUMBER [REDACTED]

LIVING IN A [REDACTED] OAKLAND,

CALIFORNIA. THE OAKLAND RA DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] IS

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CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND IS LOOKING FOR WORK AS A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY DRIVING A [REDACTED] TRUCK BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE [REDACTED]

AS FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES ARE AWARE, EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (NEWARK DIVISION) AND SA [REDACTED] (SEATTLE DIVISION CASE AGENT) TO OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, TO JOINTLY INTERVIEW AND POLYGRAPH [REDACTED] WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, RA ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1992.

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JULY 13, 1992.

LEADS:

SEATTLE DIVISION AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

NOTIFY SA [] OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND

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REQUEST THAT HE TRAVEL TO OAKLAND CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE IN

THE INTERVIEW OF [] WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE

ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1992.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/12/92

[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] address [redacted] La Junta, Colorado, telephone
number [redacted] was advised of the nature of the inquiry and
the identities of the interviewing Agents. She then provided the
following information:

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[redacted] told Agents that she believes [redacted]
may be D. B. COOPER. She basis her suspicions on several factors
including letters written by [redacted] who is now
deceased, a photo of [redacted] and some circumstantial
evidence.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was
[redacted] in late 1964. She told Agents the
[redacted] but the [redacted] still kept in very
close contact.

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[redacted] recalls that during 1967 [redacted] was
discussing the relative ease of hijacking an airliner with a pilot
(name unknown). She recalls they discussed the extreme lack of
security measures.

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[redacted] also recalls while visiting [redacted] during August,
1972, in Spokane, Washington, that [redacted] stated [redacted]
[redacted] does not recall what [redacted]
was referring to with that statement. [redacted] also recalls that [redacted]
[redacted] once said [redacted]
[redacted] She also remembers [redacted] saying [redacted]

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Also during that same visit in August, 1972, [redacted] recalls
that [redacted] received telephone calls late one night and accepted
the toll by saying that her name was [redacted] When [redacted] was asked
about this, she stated that it was a code name between [redacted]
(unknown).

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Also during the August, 1972, visit in Spokane, Washington,
[redacted] recalls that [redacted] was taking the family on a picnic

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by SAS [redacted] and
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to Moses Lake, Washington. She recalls driving to Moses Lake when [REDACTED] saw some type of a road block and stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At this point [REDACTED] turned around and [REDACTED] asked her what she was doing and [REDACTED] responded by saying [REDACTED] Asked about this, [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] at Moses Lake.

[REDACTED] also recalls that [REDACTED] prior to 1971, did not appear to have a lot of money; however, when she visited her in 1972, she had a large amount of money to spend.

[REDACTED] also recalls that during late 1971, [REDACTED] told her that she had to take [REDACTED] Asked how the injury occurred, the answers were very ambiguous and no other mention was made of it.

[REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] tends to be somewhat [REDACTED] and that it is common among [REDACTED] which says [REDACTED] stated that according to a book she read this was the line D. B. COOPER used on the airplane. [REDACTED] also believes that a sketch of D. B. COOPER resembles that of a photo taken of [REDACTED] in 1964. Please find this photo attached to this communication.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] last known address was [REDACTED] Powers Lake, North Dakota [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED] goes by either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] last known telephone number was [REDACTED] for the Powers Lake, North Dakota address.

[REDACTED] also went by the name [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] recalls that [REDACTED] for a time worked in Rock Island, Illinois, and also lived in Washington D. C. She told Agents [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED] and was a very secretive individual who kept to himself. She advised that according to her communications with [REDACTED] seemed to shy away from the public. [REDACTED] also believed that [REDACTED] kept in very close contact [REDACTED] in 1969. [REDACTED] also stated that during the late 1960s, early 1970s, [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] and was an [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] believes that [REDACTED] may be living in Anaheim, California, Santa Ana, California, or Costa Mesa, California. [REDACTED] stated that prior to the California address when the [REDACTED] they lived in Powers

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East Bismarck, Spokane, Washington. During this time period [redacted] worked at various jobs supposedly involving [redacted] work. [redacted] also believes [redacted] could be working for a hotel.

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Asked why she is telling the authorities now, [redacted] stated that she is in the process of writing a book regarding the information provided and that she did not want violate any laws by withholding information.

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[redacted] also advised that she has spoken to the LA JUNTA POLICE DEPARTMENT in October and December, 1991, regarding this information and they refused to do anything about it.

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[redacted] told Agents that although this information is very sketchy, she believes there is an outside possibility that [redacted] may be D. B. COOPER.

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Date 6/12/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE
 FROM *pmw* SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK
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 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and two
 copies of an FD-302 from an interview with [redacted] who
 claims that [redacted] may be D. B. COOPER.

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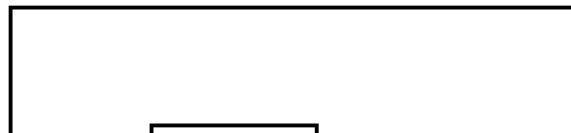


To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 5/29/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK;
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OO: SEATTLE



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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re telephone call from SA [redacted] FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), Denver, Colorado, to SA [redacted]
[redacted] FBI, Seattle, Washington, on May 22, 1992.

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SA [redacted] advised telephonically that he had received
information concerning captioned matter. He requested a copy of
artist's composite of UNSUB, as well as background information
concerning crime.

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By separate package, this information was forwarded to
SA [redacted] on May 26, 1992.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P) (OLYMPIA) Date 7/21/92
ATTN: SA [redacted]

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

On July 8, 1992, [redacted] a white male, date of birth [redacted] appeared unannounced at the Olympia Resident Agency. He indicated that he is homeless and presently staying at the Olympia Salvation Army shelter. He is not employed and receives food stamps through DSHS.

He indicated that the purpose of his visit was to inform the FBI about [redacted] who was a suspect in the early days of the investigation. The [redacted] is about 6'4" with dark hair and now resides in Little Rock, Washington. He does [redacted] and once worked as a [redacted] when [redacted]

[redacted] explained that as [redacted] living on the edge of poverty in Tumwater [redacted] was involved in a lot of secretive conversations with friends. Friends included a musician by the name of [redacted] who was with the musical group [redacted] and resided in Seattle.

[redacted] indicated that after the skivacking crime occurred in the early 1970's [redacted] moved into a nice house off [redacted] in Olympia and then moved to a better house in [redacted] in Lacey. [redacted] to [redacted] California.

[redacted] indicated that he has had [redacted] partly because [redacted] He indicated that he would make himself available at a later date if further information was needed concerning the [redacted]

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

Date 7/2/92

From : SAC, CHICAGO (ROC RA)

Subject: UNSUB, aka
D. B. Cooper
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Enclosed for Minneapolis are eight photographs of [redacted] and one copy of a drawing of D. B. COOPER provided by [redacted]

On 6/29/92 [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [redacted] Rockford, Illinois, telephone [redacted] and [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [redacted] Rockford, telephone [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Rockford RA. They stated they had recently seen a photo of the fugitive aircraft hijacker "D. B. COOPER" on a television program, and they both believed [redacted] to be COOPER.

They based this belief upon their perception of a very strong facial resemblance between COOPER and [redacted] as well as what they described as [redacted] strange behavior which led them to believe he was a fugitive from the law. They noted that following the telecast they went to the library and obtained a copy of a drawing of COOPER which they believed strongly resembled [redacted]. They also provided a copy of the drawing of COOPER.

In explaining this allegation they provided the following:

[redacted] at Rockford, Illinois, on [redacted]. They [redacted] in [redacted] stated that throughout [redacted]

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[redacted] was extremely secretive about his past and identity. On occasion he said he was [redacted] and at one time he said [redacted]

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She described [redacted] as a [redacted] who [redacted] and he was described as going to extremes to avoid having his photograph taken. He was said to have voiced [redacted] when [redacted]

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She noted that he claimed to be retired, and she knew him to have an income of [redacted] per month, yet he lived in a manner well beyond that income. When [redacted] and [redacted]

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She noted that whenever he [redacted] he visited the [redacted] She noted that [redacted] but she could not provide addresses, etc., for [redacted]

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She said he complained of [redacted] years ago and that he had mentioned that he enjoyed skydiving.

He is alleged to have rifles and shotguns in his home at [redacted] Santa Rosa, California.

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She noted the following personal data and physical description of [redacted]

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| DOB | [redacted] (not confirmed by documentation) |
| Height | 5'7" |
| Weight | 160 pounds |
| Hair | Black (turning gray) |
| Build | Thin shoulders, large stomach |

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Employment

Allegedly retired from [redacted] San Francisco, California, possible occupation - [redacted] said to have worked in Alaska on Alaskan Pipeline and a nuclear plant in Houston or Beaumont, Texas for [redacted]

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[redacted] in early 1970s believed to have worked in the State of Washington or Alaska; recently employed by [redacted] Petaluma, California

Education

Graduated from high school in Klamath Falls, Oregon

Parents

[redacted] (deceased) [redacted]

[redacted] Medford, Oregon

Daughters

[redacted] Santa Rosa, California
Occupation: [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D. C.
Occupation: [redacted]

Finances

Has bank account at SECURITY PACIFIC BANK, Medford, Oregon; holds Master Card from same bank

[redacted] requested confidentiality, and she also requested that she be considered for any applicable monetary reward should her suspicions prove correct.

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Leads are being left to the discretion of OO; however, if [redacted] allegations concerning [redacted] aversion to being photographed and/or otherwise identified are correct, it may be beneficial to identify him.

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Date 7/20/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of a letter from SAC Chicago, Rockford RA, dated 7/2/92, directed to the Minneapolis Division, Attention file 164-73.

For the information of Chicago and Seattle, enclosed letter was entitled, "UNSUB, aka D.B. COOPER; CAA - HIJACKING; OO: MINNEAPOLIS."

In the matter of the D.B. COOPER hijacking, the Seattle Division is currently the office of origin. Due to that fact, the enclosed letter and FD-340 provided by the Chicago Division is being forwarded to Seattle for review and appropriate action.

In view of the fact that no investigation is outstanding at Minneapolis, this matter is considered RUC.

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Date 6/29/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RIVRA/C-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT : NORJAK
 OO: Seattle

On 6/29/92, [redacted] (PROTECT), telephone number [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised he was watching the TV show "In Search of" on Sunday, 6/28/92. This show featured a story regarding the D. B. COOPER hijacking. [redacted] strongly felt [redacted] who [redacted] Pocomoke, Maryland, was the [redacted] of the person portrayed in the sketch of D. B. COOPER. [redacted] is a Vietnam War veteran, parachutist, and a pilot of small engine planes. Around 1980 [redacted] As the town of Pocomoke is a small community, no one understood where [redacted] obtained the funds for these two endeavors. [redacted] believed [redacted] would now be approximately [redacted] years of age.

The above information is being provided to the Seattle Division for whatever action Seattle feels is appropriate in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] born [redacted]
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of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] was advised of the identity of SA
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that he would be interviewed regarding the truthfulness of his
statements to the FBI concerning the hijacking of a Northwest
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and a Warning and Waiver of Rights form. He read both forms and
signed them.

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[redacted] had hunted in the general area where the hijacker jumped
out of the plane, commenting that it was rough country.

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by SA [redacted] /er Date dictated 7/16/92

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PASS: OAKLAND RESIDENT AGENCY.

SUBJECT: NORJACK; C.A.A.-HIJACKING; OO: SEATTLE; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NORJACK [REDACTED]

RE: SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO NEWARK AND SEATTLE, 3/2/92;

TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED] SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA, RA TO NEWARK

7/9/92; TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED], NEWARK DIVISION,

GMRA, TO SA [REDACTED] OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, RA 7/9/92;

NEWARK TELCALL TO SSA [REDACTED] SEATTLE, 7/9/92; SAN

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FRANCISCO TELCALL OF SA [] TO NEWARK, 7/10/92.

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FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES ON JULY 9, 1992, THE OAKLAND CALIFORNIA RA LOCATED SUSPECT []

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Date 8/19/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (RUC)

SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re Seattle airtel to Phoenix, dated 5/27/92.

[redacted] was recontacted on 8/10/92 and
 provided the following information regarding [redacted]

[redacted] was a heavy cigarette smoker and smoked the
 brand "Pall Mall".

[redacted] provided the following description for
 [redacted]

Race
 Sex
 Age

White
 Male

[redacted] years

(DOB [redacted])

Height

5'10"

Weight

170 pounds

Hair

Black and gray

Eyes

Blue gray

Facial features

[redacted]
 [redacted] (upper and
 lower)

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 1 - Phoenix
 CAS:mh
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CAS:mh

Voice
Build
Clothing usually worn

Deep
Average (pot belly)
Tattered jeans; flannel
shirts; boots

[redacted] advised that it would be impossible to
arrange a confidential interview with [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] They have [redacted]
[redacted]

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The [redacted] leave their house [redacted] to
visit the grocery store and fill the gas tank. The grocery
store is located [redacted] miles from their [redacted]
[redacted] Hereford,
Arizona [redacted] Once again, [redacted] advised [redacted]
[redacted] is located on [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] and also [redacted]
[redacted] He [redacted] and also [redacted]
[redacted] is allowed to [redacted]
[redacted] on
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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
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Inasmuch as no further investigation remains in the
Phoenix Division, this matter is being RUC'd.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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TRANSMIT VIA:

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☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 8/13/92

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 CAA
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference Los Angeles airtel to Seattle dated 6/9/92, regarding [redacted] (Protect).

Enclosed for the Baltimore Division is one copy of referenced communication and one copy of a sheet titled "Can You Identify This Hijacker?", which also contains a summary of captioned crime.

[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect by [redacted] because he feels he strongly resembles the artist's composite of Unsub in this matter. [redacted] according to [redacted] is a Vietnam War Veteran, a Parachutist and a Pilot of small engine planes. In addition, around 1980 [redacted] obtained funds for two financial endeavors that could not, according to [redacted] be explained.

3 - Baltimore (Enc. 2)

③ - Seattle

① - 164A-81

1 - [redacted]

1 - SA [redacted]

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In order to resolve this matter the following lead is being set forth for the Baltimore Division:

LEAD:

BALTIMORE

AT POCOMOKE, MARYLAND

Will attempt to locate and obtain a complete description of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pocomoke, Maryland.

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NOTE:

Questions concerning this communication should be directed to Special Agent [REDACTED] FBI Seattle, 206-622-0460, extension [REDACTED] FTS 391-8760.

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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 8/26/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM *EFP/CA* SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 OO:SE

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference Seattle airtel to Salt Lake City dated 6/10/92.

This airtel summarizes information contained in 164A-SE-81, (formerly 164A-36) entitled "RICHARD FLOYD MCCOY, JR., aka; CAA-AIR PIRACY; EFP; OO:SU, which relates to RICHARD FLOYD MCCOY, JR. and which does not appear to be attached to a communication indicating that the information was forwarded to Seattle Division. The following is a summary of such information:

1. Serial 18 - Interview of [redacted] stated that MCCOY was a skydiver, a Vietnam Veteran, and a helicopter pilot. MCCOY told [redacted] how it would be possible to hijack an airplane and that if he were going to do it, he would ask for \$500,000. [redacted] told [redacted] that MCCOY tried to get her to help him with the hijacking. [redacted] expressed concern to [redacted] on 4/7/92 that MCCOY might be involved in a hijacking. MCCOY told [redacted] that if the plane he hijacked was followed by chase planes, he would tell them that he planted a bomb on a second plane in order to get them to withdraw. MCCOY told [redacted] that if he was successful in obtaining \$500,000, he would leave the country.

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2. Serial 22 - Teletype from St. Louis. Review of Army records revealed that MCCOY served on active duty U.S. ARMY, 3/31/62 until 1/22/65. On 6/1/65, MCCOY enlisted in the UTAH NATIONAL GUARD. MCCOY enlisted in the regular Army on 1/22/66, and was discharged on 2/13/67 as a Specialist 5th Class. He then accepted a Warrant Officer commission. He was honorably released from active duty as Chief Warrant Officer on 3/11/70. When MCCOY was honorably released as Chief Warrant Officer, he transferred to USAR CONTROL, St. Louis, Missouri. On 6/12/70, he transferred from Army reserve to NATIONAL GUARD OF CALIFORNIA as Chief Warrant Officer. He was transferred on 10/30/70 to UTAH NATIONAL GUARD and assigned to "HHQ, 115 ENGS. GP (ARAV UTAH)" as a rotary wing pilot. In 1971, MCCOY was placed on permanent flying status with the UTAH NATIONAL GUARD. While in the Army, MCCOY received a parachutist badge.

3. Serial 25 - Teletype from San Francisco. A photograph of MCCOY, along with six other photographs were displayed to [redacted] who identified MCCOY as the hijacker of UAL Flight 855.

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4. Serial 32 - Teletype to Salt Lake City Division indicating that the FBI Laboratory identified MCCOY's handwriting on a note utilized by hijacker to instruct flight crew.

5. Serial 39 - Two latent fingerprints developed on back of "Mainliner" magazine marked "seat 20D" from envelope were identified as fingerprints of RICHARD FLOYD MCCOY, JR.

6. Serial 94 - On 3/12/72, [redacted] advised that Chief Warrant Officer MCCOY was released from regular Army and joined the 115th Engineering Group of the UTAH NATIONAL GUARD in Murray, Utah on 10/30/70. [redacted] stated that MCCOY remained in that unit until 1/1/72, at which time he transferred to the 1457th in American Fork. [redacted] stated MCCOY was unknown to most members of the unit in so much as he did not attend drills at the guard armory but reported to ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AIRCRAFT HEADQUARTERS next to the SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT.

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7. Serial 96 - Memorandum to SAC, Salt Lake City from SA [redacted] That document indicates that the FBI Laboratory determined that a note with the hijacker's handwriting, which had been retained by flight attendants, was identical to the handwriting of MCCOY.

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8. Serial 99 - Airtel to Salt Lake City from FBIHQ. Latent prints developed on a tickets were identical to prints to MCCOY.

9. Serial 256 - Interview of [redacted]
[redacted] On 4/9/72, [redacted] was shown a photo spread and he identified MCCOY as the hijacker on UNITED Flight 855.

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10. Serial 209 - Report of the Identification Division, from the Latent Fingerprint Section. Two latent fingerprints developed on UNITED AIRLINES ticket number 1 016 55817417 0, bearing the name "R/MCCOY", issued on 3/31/72, for travel from Salt Lake City to Denver, were identified as finger impressions of MCCOY.

11. Serial 283 - Interview of [redacted]
[redacted] informed [redacted] that she was at MCCOY's residence on 4/8/72. [redacted] noticed that MCCOY and his wife possessed a satchel which she later learned contained money obtained during the hijacking. [redacted] also told [redacted] that MCCOY's wife asked [redacted] for assistance in moving a large quantity of money and that MCCOY's wife threatened [redacted] if she did not help.

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12. Serial 261 - Airtel from Salt Lake City to Cleveland. A search of the residence of [redacted] revealed the existence of two typewriters. One of the typewriters was determined by the FBI Laboratory to be the one which prepared flight plans used in the hijacking of the UAL Flight 855.

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The above information was used to convict MCCOY of hijacking UAL Flight 855. Case file 164A-SU-38005 did not appear to contain information relating to MCCOY's involvement in other hijackings. Unless Salt Lake City Division receives additional requests concerning MCCOY, this matter is considered RUC.

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 8/18/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re Chicago letter to Minneapolis, dated 7/2/92, and
Minneapolis airtel to Seattle, dated 7/20/92.

[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect by [redacted]
[redacted] of being identical
with unknown subject (UNSUB) based on their perception that there
is a very strong facial resemblance between UNSUB in this matter
and [redacted]. They also stated that [redacted] appeared to be
secretive about his past and went to extremes to avoid having his
photograph taken. In addition, his sources of income appear to
be unknown to [redacted] and yet he seemed to have a
significant amount of money.

It is noted that the description of [redacted]
describes him as a white male, 5'7" in height, and born on
[redacted]. This would make [redacted] years old at the time of the
hijacking, which is [redacted] years younger than UNSUB is believed to
have been. In addition, [redacted] would be three inches shorter than
even the shortest estimate for UNSUB's height.

In view of this information, no further investigation
should be conducted concerning [redacted] at this time, and this
matter should be filed in Sub J, Miscellaneous Persons.

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(1 - SA [redacted])

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Memorandum

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 7/20/92

From : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164A-SF-0220) (SQ. #6)

Subject: POLYGRAPH MATTERS



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For purposes of documentation, a polygraph examination was administered as follows:

Date : 7/14/92, 7/16/92

Location: OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Examinee:

DPOB:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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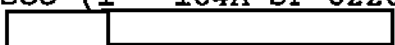
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Investigation Relating To: The truthfulness of Subject's statement to the FBI.

The charts, as well as other documentation for this examination, were sent to the Polygraph Sub Unit, FBI Laboratory. No cover letter or accompanying communication was used. This memorandum is to be filed in the substantive file for record purposes. When the documents pertaining to the above-described examination are returned from the laboratory, they will be sent to the case file involved in this examination.

As polygraph results are not considered final until completion of the quality control review, preliminary opinions of truth or deception should not appear in any other document prior to concurrence in that opinion by polygraph review personnel of FBIHQ. This includes airtels, teletypes, etc. (MIOG, Part II, Section 13).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/18/92

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] home address [redacted] San Jose, California, home telephone [redacted] work telephone [redacted] furnished the following information concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she met [redacted] through a [redacted] identified as [redacted] San Jose, California, in January, 1988. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] Cupertino, California. At the [redacted] disappeared and subsequently was arrested by the sheriff's office for driving while intoxicated and spent the night [redacted] in jail.

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[redacted] stated that after [redacted] resided at [redacted] San Jose, California. [redacted] worked off and on in [redacted] and at one time was employed by Gary Parhim Construction in Hayward, California. [redacted] said that [redacted] had other short time employments in [redacted] but she was unable to recall the names of companies that [redacted] worked for.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] told many stories about his life prior to [redacted] that she found somewhat unbelievable. [redacted] claimed that just prior to the time that he met [redacted] he had been living in Oakland, California, where he suffered a concussion in an auto accident and later on had his car and [redacted] also claimed at one time that he was a millionaire and had won \$385,000 in the California Lottery. However, [redacted] never appeared to have any money. [redacted] doubts that [redacted] is or ever was a millionaire and doubts very much if he ever won the California Lottery. [redacted] also claimed to have art paintings and an investment account with Merrill Lynch Palo Alto of California.

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After [redacted] [redacted] Great Western Savings Bank, San Jose, California where [redacted] stored his will and alleged statements that he

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by SA [redacted] mly Date dictated 5/13/92

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received from Merrill Lynch. [redacted] advised that she no longer [redacted] and believes that [redacted] still has it. [redacted] verified eight or nine months ago that the [redacted] as she [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] as she asked [redacted] The [redacted] San Jose, California. The [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] smoked Marlboro 100 cigarettes and when she first met him, [redacted] had buckets of tools which he had stored at the Crocker Locker Self Storage Facility located on Thornton Street, San Jose, California. [redacted] has no knowledge as to whether [redacted] still maintains this private storage space.

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[redacted] was shown a composite drawing of the individual identified as "DB COOPER" who is believed responsible for the hijacking of an airliner in the state of Washington, approximately twenty five years ago. [redacted] commented that she recalled the DB COOPER hijacking and that after the viewing the composite drawing of DB COOPER, commented that the composite did bear some resemblance to [redacted] when he was not wearing his beard. [redacted] commented that [redacted] had shallow facial cheeks as depicted in the DB COOPER composite drawing. [redacted] indicated that while watching television one evening she [redacted] did see a program concerning DB COOPER and [redacted] only comment was that DB COOPER was a very smart man. [redacted] did not appear to be a fanatic about the DB COOPER case and never made any unsolicited comments concerning DB COOPER or any implication that he had knowledge as to who DB COOPER was.

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[redacted] advised she recalled that [redacted] claimed that he was a former [redacted] in the military but never mentioned to her that [redacted] was an expert parachutist.

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[redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, approximately 5'9" to 5'10", 185 pounds, hair grey and balding, with a [redacted] [redacted] indicated that [redacted] was employed as a [redacted] primarily as a [redacted] [redacted] has had no contact with [redacted] at all since at least

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 5/8/92, Page 3

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March, 1990. She still [redacted]
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[redacted] indicated that [redacted] did talk about formerly
being married and that [redacted]
[redacted] live in the state of Washington. [redacted] also
talked about a [redacted] who
possibly lives in South Dakota.

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[redacted] could provide no additional information as to the
current whereabouts of [redacted] and doubts very much that
[redacted] would ever contact her in the near future.

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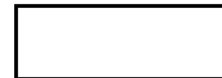


To : SAC, SEATTLE

Date 9/23/92

From : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164A-SE-81)
(RUC)

Subject: NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE



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Re Bureau letter to San Francisco dated 8/7/92.

Enclosed for Seattle are the following items:

1. Original and one copy of FD-302 of [redacted]
with interview notes.

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For information of Seattle and Newark, a technical review of the polygraph examination documents pertaining to the examination of [redacted] on 7/14/92 and 7/16/92 has determined that review personnel concur with the examiner's conclusion that responses indicate that [redacted] was not deceptive.

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On 7/31/92, [redacted] was recontacted re [redacted] on 7/17/92 at Great Western Bank, San Jose, California. Various miscellaneous [redacted] and a [redacted] were found. [redacted] were found.

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Since current investigation has for now eliminated [redacted] as suspect in captioned matter, San Francisco considered this case RUC.

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FBI

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 8/13/92

TO : SAC, DENVER
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 CAA
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUSREQUEST OF DENVER DIVISION:

The suspect's photograph referred to in the interview of [] was inadvertently not forwarded to the Seattle Division. Denver is requested to forward a copy of that photograph along with the results of the investigation set forth in this airtel to the Seattle Division.

Reference Denver airtel to Seattle dated 6/12/92, regarding [] (Protect).

Enclosed for the Minneapolis Division is one copy of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [] on 6/12/92.

[] is considered a suspect in this matter because [] has provided information to the FBI to the effect [] apparently left a [] at Moses Lake, Washington, and late in 1971 [] reportedly suffered a [] in some sort of accident. The NORJAK crime occurred on November 24, 1971.

- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 1)
- ③ - Seattle (164A-81)

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In order to resolve this matter the following leads are being set forth:

LEAD:

DENVER DIVISION

AT LA JUNTA COLORADO

Will recontact [] and determine from her the following:

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1. A complete description of []
2. An agreement from her that the FBI will need to interview [] concerning this matter.
3. Obtain from her any additional photographs she may have of the suspect.

For information of the Minneapolis Division, Seattle will set forth appropriate leads upon receipt of the results of the investigation at La Junta, Colorado.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/15/92

[redacted] La Junta, Colorado, was contacted by Special Agent [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, she furnished the following information:

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She advised that the best she could recall, [redacted] was born in [redacted]. She said he was approximately 6'2", 195 pounds to 220 pounds, with thinning hair, which was light brown or dishwater blond. He wears glasses or contact lenses and may have a slight "beer belly." She last saw [redacted] in 1968 or 1969. She advised that [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] who was born [redacted] lives in or near Powers Lake, North Dakota. [redacted] may have current information concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] and might be willing to provide that information to the FBI.

[redacted] said that she talked to [redacted] in July of 1992. [redacted] said that she did not know where [redacted] is living at this time.

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted] is [redacted] and sometimes pretends that [redacted]. However, [redacted] said that [redacted] and that she can talk. She recommended that if someone goes to interview [redacted] they take someone along [redacted] to assist in the interview.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was in the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE and the UNITED STATES ARMY and that he was discharged in [redacted] while he was stationed near Colorado Springs, Colorado. He had some training as a pilot. She believes that he flew light aircraft and had some training in parachute jumping in the military.

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Investigation on 9/8/92 at La Junta, Colorado File # 164A-SE-81-9192
by SA [redacted] *pk* Date dictated 9/11/92

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED], On 9/8/92, Page 2

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[REDACTED] can furnish no additional information at this time. She advised that she may be moving from La Junta, Colorado very soon and that if further contact with her is necessary, she can be contacted through [REDACTED] Pueblo, Colorado, telephone number [REDACTED]. She requested that [REDACTED] not be advised that the contacting party is with the FBI.

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[REDACTED] advises she has no objection to the FBI interviewing [REDACTED], also known as (aka) [REDACTED]. However, she would prefer that none of her family knew that she had furnished photographs to the FBI.

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 9/16/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE
 FROM : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 CAA
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re Seattle airtel to Denver, dated 8/13/92.

Enclosed for Seattle is the original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting contact with [redacted] on 9/8/92. Also enclosed is a photograph of [redacted] seven and four copies of that photograph. This photograph is the one that was furnished by [redacted] to Denver Agents on 6/11/92 and was inadvertently not forwarded with Denver's communication.

As reflected on enclosed FD-302, [redacted] was contacted by SA. [redacted] Pueblo, Colorado Resident Agency. She stated that she had obtained another photograph of [redacted] recently and that she had mailed that photograph to the FBI at Denver, Colorado. SA [redacted] Denver, Colorado forwarded that photograph to Seattle by routing slip.

During the interview on 9/8/92, it was noted that [redacted] tends to see important connections between circumstances and events which are widely separated in time and place. She may reach conclusions based on [redacted]

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[redacted] which is not an all together happy relationship.

Seattle should note that in setting out leads to interview [redacted] it should be realized that [redacted] may need the [redacted]
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Date 3/1/93

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164A-SE-81) (P)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 CAA
 OO: SEATTLE

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

For information, on 2/23/93, Minneapolis Office was telephonically contacted by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in [redacted] he was serving time at the Washington State Reformatory (WSR). While he was there, he came in contact with [redacted] another inmate. One afternoon in the summer of [redacted] they were out in the "yard" discussing what they planned to do when they got out of the reformatory. According to [redacted]

Also present during this conversation was another inmate, [redacted]. Over the years, [redacted] has given this conversation much thought. The descriptions he has heard of D. B. COOPER seem to match that of [redacted]. Another coincidence that stands out in his mind is that on the day of the conversation, [redacted] were present.

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[] left the reformatory the day after Labor Day, [] He has not seen [] since that time. Several years ago, he attempted to find [] and was unsuccessful.

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[] does not know when [] was released from WSR. He does know that [] was from the Seattle area. [] was not able to provide any names of persons who may know [] whereabouts.

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[] has not made any attempt to contact [] since [] release from WSR. [] was from the Chicago area, and it is [] belief that [] gave a description of [] as he remembered him from [] It is as follows:

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| Age: | 25 to 27 | 31-33 |
| Height: | 5'8" | |
| Weight: | 160 pounds | |
| Build: | Slight | |
| Hair: | Brown, hairline beginning to recede | |

[] advised that [] nickname at WSR was [] is not absolutely sure of the spelling of [] last name. [] considers [] to be an extremely intelligent individual.

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The above is for informational purposes only. All leads are being left to the discretion of Seattle.

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The following investigation was conducted on November 24, 1992, in Pocomoke, Maryland, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the Salisbury, Maryland, Resident Agency. The date chosen for the interview was November 24, 1992, the 21st anniversary of the high-jacking of Northwest Orient Flight 305. The following is offered for informational purposes:

Chief FRANK WHITE, Pocomoke Police Department, advised that [redacted] of Pocomoke has been a family friend for over [redacted] years. [redacted] in Pocomoke. [redacted] is a locally born and raised son of a farmer who has a reputation for honesty and currently [redacted] found it highly doubtful that [redacted] would commit any crime, especially one so brazen as the high-jacking in question.

[redacted] was interviewed on November 24, 1992. She advised that she has known [redacted] and that he has never been to the Pacific Northwest. He has also never been a parachutist or has served in the military. She also noted that the hairline of the high-jacker depicted in the drawing was high and straight while [redacted] hairline has a prominent V shape in the front. [redacted] is also very fair skinned and does not have an olive complexion as the high-jacker reportedly did. [redacted] has never been a smoker (the high-jacker chain-smoked). [redacted] would have been [redacted] years old in November, 1971, somewhat younger than the high-jacker. At the time of the high-jacking, [redacted] resided in Pocomoke, Maryland. [redacted] does have pilot's license, but he did not receive the license until 1976. [redacted] of the interviewee.

Arrest checks in the Maryland Criminal Information System and a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) criminal history check were conducted with negative results for [redacted]

The following biographical information pertains to [redacted]

Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Address:

White
Male

Pocomoke, Maryland

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Employment:

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→ Height:

Pocomoke, Maryland

5'9"

Weight:

165 pounds

Military Service:

None

Due to the above information, it is highly unlikely that [REDACTED] is the individual sought in connection with the high-jacking of Northwest Orient Flight 305 on November 24, 1971.

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☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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FORMS 5010-20

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (164A-BA-223) (SQ 10) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
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 OO: SEATTLE

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, dated 6/9/92; and
 Seattle airtel to Baltimore, dated 8/13/92.

Enclosed for Seattle is an investigative insert
 regarding requested investigation at Pocomoke, MD, which
 occurred on 11/24/92.

For the information of Seattle, due to a number of
 reasons elaborated in enclosed investigative insert, [redacted]
 [redacted] was deemed by Baltimore not to be the individual who
 high-jacked Northwest Orient Flight 305 on 11/24/71.

Baltimore is placing this matter in RUC status.

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Date 1/22/93

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-A-81)
 FROM : SAC, NEWARK (164-A-402) (RUC) (GMRA)
 SUBJECT : NORJACK;
 C.A.A. - HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

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Re: Newark teletype to Bureau, San Francisco and
 Seattle, 7/10/92; San Francisco letter to Seattle and Newark,
 9/23/92.

On 7/14/92, captioned suspect [redacted]
 was jointly interviewed by the Seattle and Newark Division
 case Agents at Oakland, California.

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As all investigation within the Newark Division has
 been completed, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/14/93

On 1/6/93, [redacted] Rowlett, Texas, was personally interviewed. [redacted] was made aware of the official identity of Special Agent [redacted] of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION and that the interview concerned D.B. COOPER and the possibility that [redacted] had met COOPER, he then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that while watching a television program about the D.B. COOPER investigation, on a local FOX television program approximately one month ago, he recalled meeting an individual named [redacted] who closely resembled the composite drawing of COOPER shown on television.

[redacted] who is employed by KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILROAD was loading a rail car at MARAZZI TILE COMPANY (MTC) approximately six months ago when he met [redacted] according to [redacted] was a [redacted] who was also picking up a load of tile at MTC. The two began a conversation during which [redacted] said that he owned either [redacted] of land in St. Michoud, Oregon. [redacted] told [redacted] that he had purchased this land with funds obtained from a [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned to [redacted] that he would not mind residing in the State of Oregon, at which time [redacted] offered to sell him some land for [redacted] an acre.

[redacted] and [redacted] then talked about their military careers. [redacted] is in the Army and [redacted] is in the Marine Corps. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was a Marine Corps [redacted] who had 25 years of service, two tours in Vietnam and had made over 200 parachute jumps while in the Corps. [redacted] told [redacted] that his nickname in the Service was [redacted]

Before [redacted] and [redacted] went their separate ways, [redacted] provided [redacted] with his home address and phone number, should [redacted] be interested in purchasing some of the land in Oregon. [redacted] told [redacted] that just from their conversation,

Investigation on 1/6/93 at ROWLETT, TEXASFile # 164A-DL-63643by SA [redacted] stsDate dictated 1/14/93

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he thought that [REDACTED] and his wife would be an excellent neighbor. [REDACTED] added that his closest neighbor in Oregon is approximately a hundred miles away.

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After the conversation, [REDACTED] thought that it was strange that a man [REDACTED] In addition, [REDACTED] wondered why a man with all that land in Oregon would want to sell it to someone he had just met.

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When [REDACTED] observed the composite sketch of COOPER on television, he recalled having met [REDACTED] and thought that [REDACTED] closely resembled COOPER. In addition, [REDACTED] felt like the details of [REDACTED] life and that of COOPER as shown on television were very similar.

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The only additional bit of information that [REDACTED] could recall was that the [REDACTED] was from New Orleans, Louisiana. [REDACTED] could not remember what [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] provided the following description of [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]
Alias: [REDACTED]
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 40-44
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 150-160 pounds
Hair: Brownish blonde
Eyes: Possibly green
Complexion: Fair
Build: Small
Scars Marks Tatoos: Possibly a [REDACTED]

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Address: [REDACTED]
Saint Michoud, Oregon [REDACTED]
Telephone: [REDACTED]

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PRECEDENCE:

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Date 1/14/93

TO SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (164A-SE-81) (VC/F-JTF) (RUC)

SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for the Seattle Division is one 1-A envelope containing a small sheet of paper with [redacted] name and address written on it and one original and one copy of an FD-302 regarding the interview of [redacted]. Enclosed for the Portland Division is one copy of an FD-302 regarding the interview of [redacted].

For information of Seattle and Portland Divisions, on 11/29/92, [redacted] Rowlett, Texas, telephonically contacted the Dallas Division and provided information he believed related to captioned matter.

On 1/6/93, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] contacted [redacted] at his residence at which time, [redacted] advised that he is employed by KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILROAD in Greenville, Texas. Approximately six months ago [redacted] was loading a rail car at MARAZZI TILE (MT), in Dallas, Texas, when he met an individual named [redacted] was at MT loading a [redacted] when he and [redacted] began to converse. According to [redacted] during this conversation [redacted] told [redacted] that he had either [redacted] of land in St. Michoud, Oregon. [redacted] told [redacted] he had bought the land with money he received on an [redacted].

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As the conversation continued, [] offered to sell [] some of the land for [] an acre. [] said that his closest neighbor in Oregon was 100 miles away and that [] and his wife would be excellent neighbors.

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[] advised [] that he was a former Marine with 25 years of service and two tours in Vietnam. [] also told [] that while in the Marine Corps he had made 200 parachute jumps. [] stated that while watching the FOX television network locally one night, he observed the show featuring D.B. COOPER and believe [] and COOPER were very similar. [] also thought it strange that a man []

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[] Additionally, [] thought [] must have received a large settlement to afford all that land in Oregon.

[] provided the enclosed sheet of paper that [] wrote his address and phone number on to SA []

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| Name: | [] |
| Nickname: | [] |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | 40-44 years of age 52 44 48 |
| Height: | 5'10" 51 48 23 |
| Weight: | 150-160 pounds |
| -Hair: | Brownish blonde |
| -Eyes: | Possibly green |
| -Build: | Small |
| -Complexion: | Fair |
| Scars Marks Tattoos: | Possibly a [] |
| -Glasses: | Wore prescription glasses |
| Address: | [] |
| | Saint Michoud, Oregon [] |
| Telephone: | [] |

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AT ST. MICHOD, OREGON

Should conduct appropriate investigation to determine if [] is identical with subject of captioned matter.

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Dallas Division considers this matter RUC.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 12/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re [redacted]

[redacted] ("Unsolved Mysteries" lead).

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A review of [redacted] sub file reveals that he was suggested as a suspect in this matter by [redacted] who had recently seen an "Unsolved Mysteries" television show depicting captioned crime. The reasons [redacted] gave for suggesting [redacted] as a suspect were as follows:

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[redacted] was a former BOEING COMPANY employee who had taken flying and parachute lessons. In addition, [redacted] told [redacted] that he had gotten some money from a man from Canada to buy some property. [redacted] stated that the amount of money [redacted] talked about was considerable and the circumstances seemed unusual to [redacted]

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A physical description of [redacted] was taken from his Washington State driver's license which expired on [redacted]. [redacted] is a White male, DOB [redacted] height five feet ten inches, weight 170 pounds, eyes brown, hair white. The photograph on the driver's license does not in any way resemble the artist's composite of UNSUB in this matter. In addition, [redacted] is at least two inches shorter than the height of UNSUB as described by eyewitnesses. Finally, [redacted] age at the time of the hijacking would have been [redacted] which is approximately [redacted] years younger than UNSUB was described as being by eyewitnesses.

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In view of the fact that there is no compelling reason to think that [redacted] may be involved in captioned crime, and also in view of the fact that there are major physical discrepancies between [redacted] and the description that is commonly used for UNSUB, no further investigation concerning [redacted] will be conducted.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 12/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re UNSUB; JIM W. CRITCHER - source ("Unsolved Mysteries" lead).

As a result of a broadcast of the television show "Unsolved Mysteries", JIM W. CRITCHER of Chehalis, Washington, telephone number [redacted] telephonically advised he suspects an attorney in the Chehalis Courthouse as being identical with UNSUB in this matter.



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A review of this sub file has indicated that CRITCHER was inadvertently not contacted concerning his telephone call after the television show.

SA [redacted] attempted to contact Mr. CRITCHER [redacted] in Chehalis. [redacted] advised that JIM W. CRITCHER died in December of 1990. She stated that Mr. CRITCHER was 73 years old at the time of his death. She advised that [redacted] Sea Tac Airport in 1971 and that is what sparked Mr. CRITCHER's interest in the D.B. COOPER hijacking.

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[redacted] further advised that Mr. CRITCHER had no firsthand knowledge concerning this crime but was the type of person to have a lot of hunches about things. [redacted] stated that she could not provide any further information concerning the suspect that [redacted] JIM CRITCHER may have had a hunch about nor did she personally have any information concerning captioned crime.

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In view of the above information, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of this case.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 12/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Sub 1042

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re suspect GEDDES EUGENE HARPER; [redacted]
Sub Number 1042.

GEDDES EUGENE HARPER has been suggested as a suspect by [redacted] (protect), who is a [redacted] in Redding, California. [redacted] suspects HARPER of being identical to UNSUB because, according to [redacted] closely resembles the composite photograph of UNSUB, and in addition HARPER's background and lifestyle also fits the type of individual who would commit such a crime, according to [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that HARPER was in the U.S. Army, 101 Airborne Division, and was extremely unpredictable. HARPER died at Roseburg, Oregon, on 10/27/83, of Alcoholic Hepatitis.

HARPER was born on 6/20/41, and this would make his 30 years old at the time of the hijacking. Inasmuch as UNSUB in this matter has been described in his mid-40s at the time of the hijacking, no further investigation seems warranted concerning this suspect.

It is noted that Sacramento's letter to San Francisco dated 7/24/89, set forth a lead for San Francisco at Fortuna, California, to attempt to locate and interview [redacted]

[redacted] This airtel inadvertently neglected to indicate Seattle as office of origin in this matter. It is thought that San Francisco forwarded results of that lead to the Sacramento Division. In order to resolve this aspect of the investigation, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted SSA [redacted] FBI, San Francisco. SSA [redacted] stated he would have someone check the San Francisco file (164A-220) and furnish the results of any investigation at San Francisco to the Seattle Division.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Sub J

ARMED AND DANGEROUS



Reference Jacksonville letter to Seattle, dated 7/19/93.

Reference communication forwarded a letter from unknown individual who identifies himself as [REDACTED]. In this letter, the writer states that it is his opinion that a man named [REDACTED] is possibly identical with UNSUB in this matter. The writer does not give any concrete information concerning [REDACTED] except to indicate that in 1971, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old. He was also apparently a Cadet in the Naval Aviation Cadet Program.

In view of the fact that there is not enough information to identify [REDACTED] or to recontact the source, no leads remain and therefore no further investigation should be conducted concerning this aspect of the investigation.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Sub J

Reference Philadelphia airtel to Jacksonville, dated 5/26/93.

Re: Sub: (FNU) [redacted] X

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(FNU) [redacted] was suggested as a possible suspect in this matter by [redacted] Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. [redacted] stated that the individual that he suspected was known to him only as [redacted] who is a [redacted] in Destin, Florida. [redacted] stated that [redacted] looked like the artist composite of UNSUB. X

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A description of [redacted] furnished by [redacted] revealed that he would have been [redacted] years old at the time of NORJAK. In addition, his hair is red and his height is 6'2" to 6'4". In view of these physical discrepancies, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of this investigation.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference Philadelphia airtel to Jacksonville, dated 5/26/93.

Re: Sub: (FNU) [redacted]
[redacted]

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(FNU) [redacted] was suggested as a possible suspect in this matter by [redacted] Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. [redacted] stated that the individual that he suspected was known to him only as [redacted] who is a [redacted] in Destin, Florida. [redacted] stated that [redacted] looked like the artist composite of UNSUB.

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A description of [redacted] furnished by [redacted] revealed that he would have been [redacted] years old at the time of NORJAK. In addition, his hair is red and his height is 6'2" to 6'4". In view of these physical discrepancies, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of this investigation.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference Minneapolis airtel to Seattle, dated 3/1/93.

Information contained in referenced communication indicated that [redacted] telephone [redacted] was providing information as a source concerning captioned matter. [redacted] stated that, while serving time at the WASHINGTON STATE REFORMATORY in [redacted] he became in contact with [redacted] and [redacted] stated that one time in [redacted] and he were out in the "yard" discussing what they planned to do when they got of the Reformatory. According to [redacted]

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[redacted] described [redacted] as 25 to 27 years old in [redacted] 5'8", 160 pounds, slight build, with a brown receding hair line.

UNSUB, at the time of the hijacking in 1971, was described as 40 to 45 years old, approximately 6', and no hair line recession. In view of the above discrepancies, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of the investigation.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Reference letter received from [redacted]
[redacted] Mexico, dated 4/27/93.

In reference communication, [redacted] forwarded two photographs of an individual she suspected might be identical with UNSUB in this matter. [redacted] stated that she had no information as to whether or not he was involved in captioned crime, and she admitted that she had mixed feelings about providing this information, since she was not sure that it was totally reliable.

A review of the photographs of the individual shows a white male in his late 50's or early 60's. The individual has a receding hair line and light blond or brown hair. He has light colored eye brows and very fair skin. In view of the fact that the individual depicted in these photographs is not, in any way, similar to the description of UNSUB in this matter, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of the NORJAK investigation.

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Several times I have seen the "D.B. Cooper" segment on "In Search Of", on TV. Each time I notice that the artist's sketch of "D.B. Cooper" strongly resembles a man I knew in 1955. He was one of the USAF aviation cadets at Hondo Air Base, Texas. X

He displayed some unusual characteristics for a pilot candidate. He was disorganized and preoccupied. Though the academic schedule was posted well in advance, he would study the wrong subjects, and was a marginal student. In the flight phase of his training, he soloed the PA-18 Cub without serious problems, but barely made it in the more advanced T-6.

On the occasion of his first night cross-country flight, he made all the required radio calls (engine start, taxi, takeoff, and departure overhead on course). But he made no in-flight position reports until he called for permission to enter the traffic pattern. On questioning, he admitted he had not taken off;- he had made the radio calls from his airplane while parked on the ground at a remote part of the airfield.

Soon afterward, his background check revealed that he [redacted] [redacted] had this information been revealed in his statement of personal history.

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The Air Force [redacted] [redacted] as an enlisted man.

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In 1971, he was approximately [redacted] years old,- assuming he did not falsify his age in 1954, when he entered the pre-flight phase of Aviation Cadet training.

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I have never mentioned this before, even though I have seen that program several times. First, the similarity in appearance is not too convincing, since it was an artist's drawing, not a photograph. Second, I didn't (and still don't) want to embarrass him or cause any problems for him. Third, I always hoped that "D.B. Cooper" would be identified. Fourth, if I had to bet on it, I would bet it is not the same man, because the appearance of the artist's drawing is that of a quite common type of face.

If you decide to bother with this, his name is [redacted] X

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[redacted] X (Source)

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Date 7/19/93

From : SAC, JACKSONVILLE

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Enclosed for Seattle is a letter, dated 7/8/93, received at the Daytona Beach RA, from [redacted] This letter provides a possible identity of subject "D.B. COOPER."

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Date 5/26/93

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164A-456)
 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (164-0) (SRA) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
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On 5/24/93,

[redacted] X source
 Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, telephone number [redacted]
 telephonically contacted the Scranton Resident Agency and
 advised that after viewing a show entitled, "In Search Of" on
 television concerning the D.B. COOPER high-jacking case, he
 feels that an individual known to him as [redacted] who was a
 [redacted] in Destin, Florida, is
 identical to the D.B. COOPER depicted in the television show.
 [redacted] knew this individual from [redacted] through [redacted] when he
 left the state and moved to Pennsylvania. [redacted]

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[redacted] described this individual as
 being very secretive and a loner. The [redacted] this individual

[redacted] spends most of his
 time playing golf. [redacted] near the LEESIDE
 INN which is a motel located on Highway 98 about one mile
 outside of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. In addition, [redacted]
 [redacted] in Destin, Florida,
 which is on Highway 98.

2-Jacksonville (164A-456)
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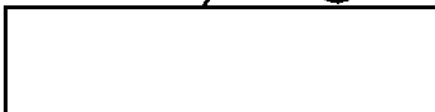
[redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

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| Sex | Male | | |
| Race | White | 93 | 71 |
| Height | 6'2"-6'4" | $\frac{53}{40}$ | $\frac{40}{31}$ |
| Age | 52-53 years old | | |
| Hair | Reddish gray worn in a long ponytail | | |
| Build | Tall and lanky. muscular | | |
| Vehicle | [redacted] | | |

[redacted] advised he is [redacted] years old and is [redacted]

[redacted]

The following information is being provided to Jacksonville, for whatever action deemed necessary.



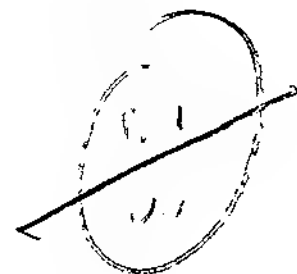
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APRIL 27, 1993

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RE: D.B. COOPER

Dear Duty Agent;

I am sending this letter at the request of the Duty Agent of April 27th. I have mixed feelings about providing this information since I am not certain that it is totally reliable. I also believe that the statute of limitations may have run out on this case.

In November I saw a composite drawing of D.B. Cooper on TV. At that time I was certain that it was someone I knew. I later talked with the individual and learned that he had been [redacted] Western Airlines. I also learned that he was (is ?) a sky diver. He changed careers after being [redacted] He left the country and went to [redacted] working in various locations in the US including Alaska.

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In January I took his photograph which is enclosed. Perhaps you can check it against your drawings. After this length of time I am no longer certain that the picture I saw on TV does in fact resemble the photo.

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One other, very subjective, thing. Although he has been nothing but civil and friendly with me I have observed that he has a mean disposition with little provocation.

If you feel there is any merit in pursuing this information I will then provide you with a name and possible location of this individual.

A few words about myself. My husband and I are retired. I was [redacted] [redacted] We left San Diego five years ago [redacted] We ended up in Mexico where we built a home. We have family in the US where we will return one day; our Mexico stay is just a phase.

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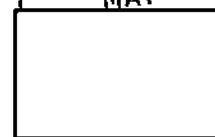
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for [redacted] in Santa Monica
Parson on the estate belonging to the
[redacted] over fifty years

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that

The [redacted] did not want
a scandal leak but that the robbery
was committed by a [redacted]

The [redacted] had its own insurance
Policy on any thefts

[redacted] in front of the house on a
[redacted] that now he found out
about the insurance policy collecting
for the [redacted]

[redacted] was unaware of
the [redacted] and when
she found out from the [redacted]

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Then I've had [redacted] in my
family as law enforcement agents
Both my [redacted]

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[redacted] saw I was interested
in law enforcement
He advised me to investigate any
case that sounds like a Cover up
and write a book on it
At that time there was vacant
land owned by the Government in
west Los Angeles & Westwood Village
I worked for the people that
leased the land from the Government
They grew Corn & Tomatoes &
they farmed that land that was
vacant

Later on I was in the Nursery store
of Westwood Seed store. That where I
heard about the opening job of
[redacted] I applied for that
job and I got it till I
I was on the job till I

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-fired me when he knew I was
getting wise to the first robbery.
He was in [redacted] Twenty Dollar bills
when I found [redacted] when I took out a rug outside to
shake the dust out they were
hidden under a card table.
Later in the week I came back
to get the rest of the belongings of
mine he was in the [redacted]

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Later on I was in the [redacted]
[redacted] To Palm Spring
I was [redacted] a load for an old
couple with two Duns.
Those two were caught robbing
the Bank that [redacted] was over

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of the

at first I didn't believe that
[redacted] at first was in
involved. But when I showed her
that bills I found of the and showed
them. They had serial no. on them
and when folded on outside and looked
clean when unfolded she knew
[redacted] was involved.

[redacted] and was sure
for it.
a week later [redacted]

He then [redacted] that
had a [redacted]

Henson then could of Kasina
lessons from [redacted] and was
that they factor when the airline ticket
agent ask for the Joss memo so
he gave an Alias of [redacted]

she had a [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
This place was rented out for
a F B I Serial Movie and Telecast
showing a theft on Stock brokers^{gist}

This place is only 3 miles from
the Federal building for L.A. Co.

I had no success in reporting it
to them [redacted]

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[redacted] also
raised reg table on the federal
land at ten years before.

The second robbery was on the
same banks computer system
Two friends of [redacted] were caught
that was only a case of the two
that were caught

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[redacted] was a friend of that
family

The second was the Sky jumping
over the Columbia River

that was Mastermind by [redacted] b6
a few years before b7C
There three Robberies by the same
bunch -

[redacted] is possibly buried in
the Seminary opposite the Federal
Building in Westwood Village b6
The only innocent one was [redacted] b7C

[redacted]
If here death could be called
murder there is further
reason for getting after them
The real [redacted] today is the
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] of ours for a better
case for law informant
[redacted] I'm hard hearing X Source
that is why I got interested b6
in crime that was you name it b7C
BB Cooper-21017

PS. He lived in
Spokane and
has been all
through IDAHO and
Montana.
PS. I left a letter
to me or my mom
any question

NewPort News, VA

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TO E.B.I. Agents:
I want to start off by thank-
ing you for taking time to read my
letter. I also want to say please
forgive me of my punctuation and
spelling. (I will try to do the best I can.)

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Now how to begin? Well
(I'm sorry D.B. Cooper is such a big
folk type person, like Jesse James.
I really would feel more at ease
if I was trying to talk to you about
normal things and dealers.

When I first started
suspecting that maybe
and D.B. Cooper may be one in the
same person, I really was to young
to understand and she was also
scared to come up to him and ask
him point blank.

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So the D.B. Cooper thought
went on the back burner so to speak.

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[redacted] said: what the world have you been doing? You look like you have been digging around in the dirt.

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"He told [redacted] he had been for a hike that's all. She told me there were lots of visits to the Snake river, and the same things happened and he wanted to be alone on his walks."

Another small thing he never liked his picture taken at all, (please ~~Send~~ ^{ALL I HAVE OF} these pictures back to me if you can. [redacted] always said he came up with and excuse always not to get his picture taken.

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About the time when Anything about D.B. Cooper came on T.V. News [redacted] [redacted] said was Uneasy did not want to coment on anything, change the subject.

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Any way some reasons. (other than these) why [redacted] and maybe my self feel [redacted] May be D.B. Cooper.

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(I think) Around 1971 [redacted] [redacted] I think her last name was [redacted], (I'm not sure where she was burried either Spokane or Boyze Idaho or Montana.) Anyway [redacted] At the time I believe was stationed in Germany and came down emergency leave for the [redacted]

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He was in shock hurt and

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Very, very, upset, (He spent A lot of time with her because [redacted] worked Full time). When he arrived it was to

late [redacted] to ~~time~~ him and the [redacted] and stole anything of value, leaving [redacted]

well; [redacted] believes the trauma and shock may have been so hard on [redacted] it's not beyond [redacted] him to crack up and do this. (hyjack a plane) Now It takes more (I feel) then a cracked up nut, It takes

also someone who can premeditate things very well to a Tee. What ever [redacted] does he always thinks [redacted] long before he makes the move. [redacted] could pull it off.

/A Brief history of [redacted]

1) In grade school through High school he was involved in understanding about aircrafts (I feel do to the fact [redacted] in a plane) he later became a Private Pilot.

[redacted] Also was very good at making make shift [redacted] he was involved in [redacted]

2) and As a young teenager was repairing and making [redacted] And [redacted] boxes. This hobby he still loves now he's very deeply involved with computers, now. also.

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In the Army he wanted to be a pilot but his grades were not good enough and also his eyesight, (Not govt. Pilot Standards.)

Since he excelled high- on the technical ~~can~~ part of the Military entrance exam (I'm sure this is why) They placed him in the guild of [redacted]

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3) I am telling you this because [redacted] is quite Capable OF making something look like a bomb, He's also smart on not using materials that will go off through an X-RAY machine (IF need be)

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4) Also [redacted] I believe told me he jumped out of a plane by parachute in Germany in some kind of basic training he underwent.

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5) He's not dumb, He would know what aircraft had a rear exit that you could pretty much guarantee a safe jump, which would be a 727

6) [redacted] would know what altitude the plane would have to be at, (for a safe jump) [redacted] would also know what kind of parachute to demand.

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Above All IF It could be [redacted] he is really a basket case At this time DB Cooper-21022
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to the fact [redacted]
people do WACKED out things when they
are really in MAJOR shock.

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Now you guys are finding out
about this now (because I am no
longer [redacted])

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[redacted] never wanted
to tell anyone about this D.B. Cooper
thing because I was with [redacted]
and she was scared what might
happen to me, if [redacted] knew she
~~thought~~ was going to turn
her in for anything.

He would [redacted]

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[redacted] IF she ever even got into it on the
phone. example: [redacted]

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I also sometimes [redacted]

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[redacted] I could not
take it anymore. His logic is not
normal he wants things his way and does
not understand compromise. (The man is
not playing with a full deck.)

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It took me [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
Listen I did not believe [redacted]
when she told me her feelings about my [redacted]
being D.B. Cooper either, I laughed at her
And said give me a break. But you know
I have done some research and things seem
to fall into place and [redacted] knows Spokane.
all the places from there to Reno NV.
like the back of his hand (he was raised there.)

IF you [redacted]
You would know his mood swings are vast
and he has deep rooted problems that have
carried on into his adult life.

I want no revenge ~~for~~ on trying
to turn [redacted] in (IF it's him)
I actually feel sorry for him, because
he thinks he's right about everything he does.
But IF it is him he should pay
for what he did, he (or who ever it was) he
scared a lot of people and stole money.

IF [redacted] killed a man at
a 7 11 I would turn him in as well
then because it's the right thing to do.

Please Promise me you will do
some kind of Background check before you
go to his work place.

[redacted] would be so pissed
IF he was questioned at work (IF he did it
or did not do it) He would move right
away. Plus he would threaten [redacted]
Vastley saying what are you trying to do Cooper-21024
me! over please

I will give you his current Address
And work number And home phone number
please don't use them unless your 99.9%
Saw sure you guess it's him.

If you scare him off I know
I will never know where he is. (At least
now we do know.)

I tried to talk to An F.B.I.
Agent From Richmond and All he
wanted was my information and
he would not tell me if they
would do A background check or not.

I just did not feel safe
giving him the information so I
knew it had to go to Seattle

I called and was promised that
there would be a background check
made before [redacted] would ever be
questioned. I think the man's last
name was [redacted] or [redacted]

He asked me what type of
Cigarettes did [redacted] smoke, he
used to smoke MARLBORS (in the red box)

But he may have smoked anything
when he was younger.

Detective [redacted] Also told me
that you guys have reason to believe
D.B. Cooper IS Dead. Well. Maybe so
but you never know, no body was
ever found to prove other wise.

I know the case is also
very old And what's the use. Well
It's OK if you feel that way

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Because you know I would feel pretty bad
IF it really was [redacted] I would
Feel Sad putting him in jail.

But I am also sick of
wondering IF it could be him. So IF you
could let me know I would be very
happy to hear from you. [redacted]

[redacted] is very respected and
now works for the United States Govt.
In Lake Wood Colorado. [redacted] is
a GS 12. And [redacted]

[redacted] there. He also
[redacted] And [redacted] big money equipment
for the Govt. ~~He's now here~~ he moved
from Reno Nevada where he worked
for Burro of Land Management for the
Govt, same job, [redacted] And
[redacted]

He's very smart and seems real
nice, he's not real outgoing with friends, but
he's nice to his coworkers.

You would never think he had a
[redacted] OR WAS A [redacted]

[redacted] You would think he was
logical, but [redacted] he just wants
things [redacted] and he will take away
what he has to, to make things [redacted]

You just don't want to mess
with him unless you feel its him because
he can [redacted]

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plus if you went and talked to him and then left him, he would move so fast it would make your head spin.

Above All please don't think in nuts (I'm not.) Please Also don't ruin this mans life, and job. unless you pretty much know ^{99%} it's him, I would feel so bad if he lost his job over this. and he was questioned only. (he would freak out if he was questioned.)
(Jump Bail)

He's very paranoid about things. (don't trust him either.)

IF you want a tape of his voice call his home phone during the day (when he's at work). There will be a short recording in his voice (if that can help you any. how can someone remember a voice after all these years though?)

Please call me soon to tell me what you think. (thanks

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I trust you not to wreck his life unless you sure it's him

Background check first please

LAKE WOOD, COLORADO

Home Phone number
WORK

☆ Important ☆

I coppied this From A military record thing, I hope it can help. I hope the number I give you is a Social Security number.

I will just copy it for you what I have.



[Redacted]

Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

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[Redacted]

I was scared to take the zeroxed copy so I jotted this down as quick as I could I think it's some kind of militays type, paperwork I found of ~~him~~ his.

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Not D.B. Cooper's got
One of the passengers, Kent Swigard, 24, a reporter for The Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Wash., described the hijackers as "organized and incredibly calm."

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and criminal trespass and was held in lieu of \$100,000 bond, the police said.

D.B. COOPER! Drawing of suspect
Parachuting Hijacker Sought in Wooded Area



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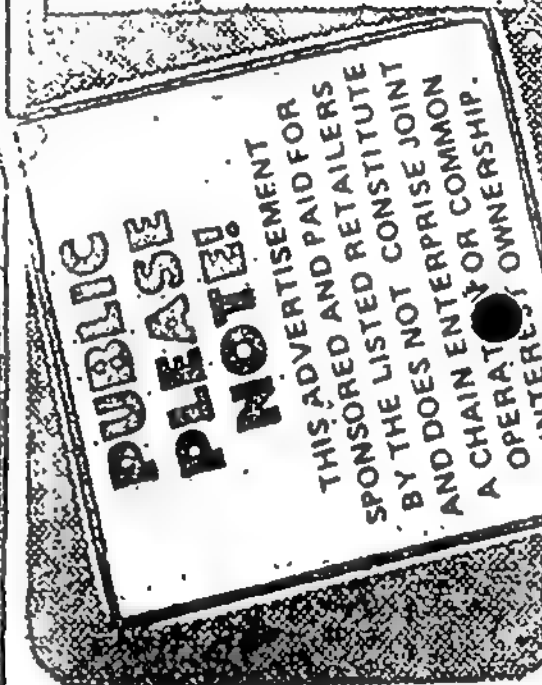
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 Artist's sketch of suspect
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Hijacker Collects Ransom of \$200,000; Parachutes From Jet and Disappears

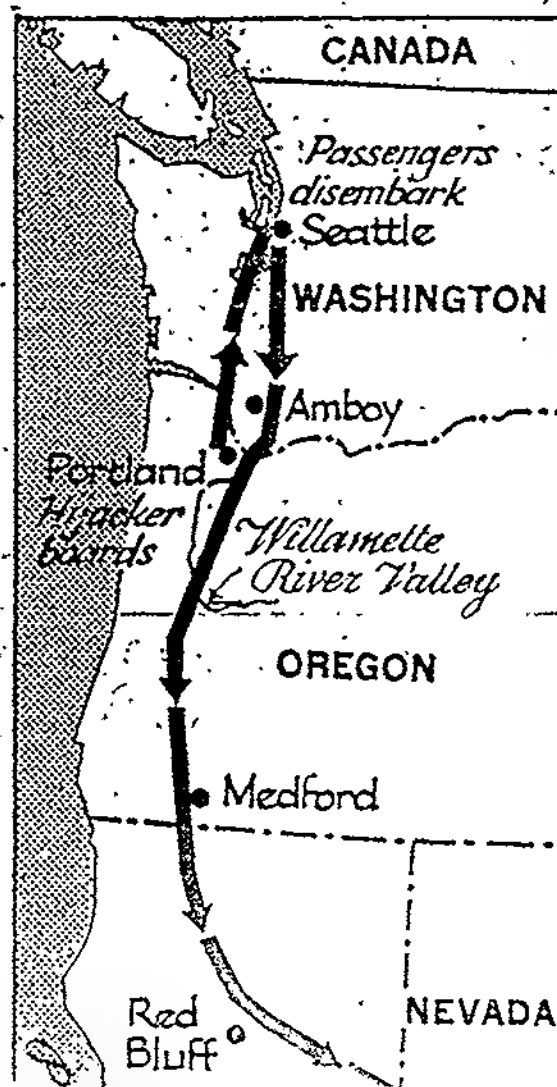
By EARL CALDWELL

Special to The New York Times

RENO, Nov. 25—Authorities in four Western states were searching a 500-mile corridor of mountains and river valleys tonight for a hijacker who parachuted from a jet airliner with \$200,000 in ransom money.

The crime, accomplished by a cool, middle-aged man in a business suit, was apparently intricately planned. The ransom paid by Northwest Airlines was the biggest ever surrendered in a United States hijacking, and it was the first time a hijacker had parachuted from a plane.

A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation said



glasses but otherwise undistinguished from the rest of the passengers, demanded that when the plane landed in Seattle there be \$200,000 in ransom and four parachutes.

"He was quite relaxed, sitting in the back seat on the starboard [right] side," said Robert B. Gregory of Sumner, Wash., a passenger. William Mitchell of Redmond, Wash., who was across the aisle from the man, said neither he nor the others had any idea what he was up to.

"I saw one stewardess answer a call and her face dropped," recalled Richard Simmons, who runs a convict rehabilitation program in DB Cooper-21031. "She looked bewildered

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led that the search for the parachutist was being concentrated in the wilderness area 25 miles northeast of Portland, Ore., but the spokesman acknowledged that the manhunt in that area was based on supposition rather than hard information.

The four-state hijacking began last night in Portland, on the last leg of Northwest Flight 305 from Washington to Seattle. The Boeing 727 had made earlier stops in Minneapolis; Great Falls, Mont.; Missoula, Mont.; Portland, Ore., and Spokane, Wash.

The hijacker, identified by the F.B.I. as "D. B. Cooper,"



The New York Times/Nov. 26, 1971

boarded the jet in Portland. When the plane was in the air, he showed a stewardess a briefcase containing two red cylinders and wires and said he would blow up the aircraft, containing 36 passengers and six crew members, unless his demands were met.

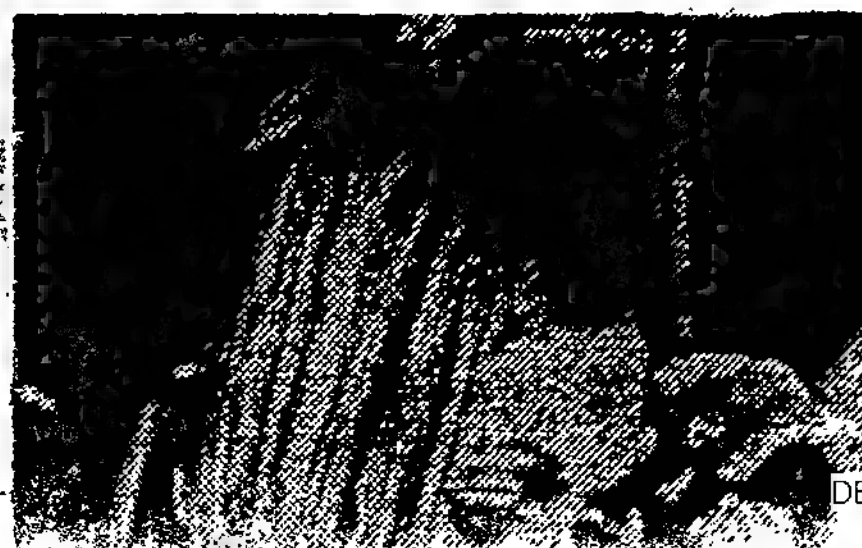
The man, wearing dark

clo. "She looked bewildered and gulped. I guess she learned what was happening then."

Capt. William W. Scott, the pilot, radioed the hijacker's demands ahead to Seattle. A Northwest manager said that the man had not demanded any specific denomination of bills. He declined to say whether the bills were marked in any way. Airline workers had to go to several banks to assemble the large sum.

The parachutes, which are not in ordinary use in commercial air travel, proved an-

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Hijacker Collects \$200,000 Ransom and

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other problem. Two military models were found at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma and rushed to the Seattle field. When the hijacker learned that military models were being supplied, he demanded that sport models be made available instead. These were found at a nearby airfield used by sky divers.

The difference in the two kinds of parachutes—a difference that was to prove significant later in the evening—is that the military models open automatically after about 200 feet, whereas users of sports chutes can free fall as long as they like before pulling the ripcord.

While the money and parachutes were being assembled, Flight 305 circled the Seattle airfield. The passengers were told that there was mechanical trouble and that the pilot was trying to burn up fuel before landing.

been permitted to debaric. Two stewardesses are in the automobile," he said. "Just get out of here and start pumping gas."

"We have one stewardess remaining with this individual," the captain went on. "I hope that truck [the gas truck] is full. He's getting awfully antsy. He wants the stewardess sitting back there with him on the take-off."

The hijacker said that he wanted to go to Mexico City, but the crew explained that that was outside the jet's maximum range. They eventually settled for a refueling stop at Reno, Nev.

At one point in the negotiations, an official of the Federal Aviation Administration boarded the plane and tried to talk the hijacker into surrendering, but he replied: "Let's get this show on the road."

Hijacker's Flight Order

The hijacker made very careful stipulations for the take-off and flight to Reno. He said that

for 1,000 feet or so before opening his chute, he would not have been seen in the night.

Julius Mattson, the F.B.I. agent in charge in Portland, said that the search for the hijacker was being conducted beginning around Amboy, Wash., which is just south of Lake Merwin. "It's not a bad spot to land if the guy knows what he's doing," the agent said. He said that there were a number of small airfields in the area used for sky diving.

There was evidence of substantial and deeply thought-out planning in the hijacking. The choice of the 727 was essential since it is the only kind of commercial jet from which it is safer to parachute, because the rear exit is behind and under the engines.

Request for Parachutes

There was also apparent purpose in asking for more than one parachute. The reasoning is that the authorities think the hijacker was going

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Message Sent Plane

At 4:50 P.M. ground control relayed the following message to the plane:

"FBI and police have advised no action be taken. Repeat no action to be taken. We are awaiting his concurrence that you should land."

The plane landed shortly before 8 P.M. The passengers were kept on the plane, their departure held up by the slowness in arrival of the money and parachutes. "Impress on this man that we are not trying to stall," the tower radioed. "The money is on its way. It was picked up at more than one bank."

Captain Scott directed the ground activity. "We'll ask you to stay there until we can coordinate with our friend in the back [the hijacker]," he said at one point.

When the money and parachutes were put aboard, the hijacker allowed the 36 passengers to leave. There were then further negotiations about the three stewardesses on board.

At 6:50 P.M. Captain Scott advised Northwest control that

the altitude was to remain below 10,000 feet, that the flaps be kept canted and that the rear exit door be kept open. The result was that the plane coasted at near its minimum cruising speed of 200 miles an hour.

After the take-off, the hijacker locked the remaining stewardess, Tina Mucklow, in the cockpit with the three other crew members. He had the entire cabin to himself. Captain Scott said that the last time he had communicated with the man on the intercom was when the plane was over Lake Merwin on the Lewis River in southern Washington.

The captain said that instruments in the cockpit indicated that the steps down from the rear exit were lowered during the flight.

When the plane landed at Reno, the hijacker was not aboard. Also missing was the money, the supposed explosive device and two parachutes.

Two Air Force jet fighters and a C-130 cargo plane that were trailing the 727 from Seattle said that they had seen nobody parachute from the jet. However, an Air Force spokes-

man said the hijacker was going to ask the stewardess on a member of the crew to parachute with him, and that would be sure to provide parachutes that opened.

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Weather Hampers Search For Parachuting Hijacker

By DOUGLAS E. KNEELAND

Special to The New York Times

WOODLAND, Wash., Nov. 26 —F.B.I. agents and sheriff's deputies, plagued by low clouds and fog that hindered both helicopter and ground efforts, searched the woods and farmlands near here today for the hijacker they believe parachuted into the area from a Northwest Airlines 727 with \$200,000 in ransom money.

"We're either looking for a parachute or a hole in the ground," said Under Sheriff Tom McDowell of Clark County.

"He's probably long gone," said another deputy, one of about 30 from Clark and adjacent Cowlitz County who, with a half-dozen agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are conducting the hunt for the

plane landed. He also showed her a suitcase containing red cylinders connected with wires that he said was a bomb.

At Seattle, the money was obtained in \$20 bills from a number of local banks. The man, who had also demanded parachutes, was provided with four of them. He then allowed the 36 other passengers and two stewardesses to leave the plane.

Destination Mexico

He told the pilot to fly to Mexico City at no more than 10,000 feet at a low speed. He then locked up the other crew members and remained alone in the subzero temperatures of the cabin with the rear door

Maybe not wires in 727

are conducting the hunt for the olive-complexioned, middle-aged hijacker in a 10-by-15-mile stretch of rough, fir-covered country just south of the Lewis River in the Cascade foothills. At the City Hall in Woodland, a river town of about 1,300, where search headquarters have been established under the direction of Tom Manning, an F.B.I. agent, officials said that poor visibility had led the Army to withdraw its helicopters from the hunt.

Other Copters Used

However, other helicopters provided by Weyerhaeuser, the mammoth lumber company, and the Bonneville Power Administration, were still making intermittent passes over the area. The search was halted at nightfall until tomorrow.

The hunted man has been identified by the F.B.I. only as D.B. Cooper, the name he used Wednesday afternoon when he bought a ticket in Portland, 20 miles south of here, and boarded a Northwest plane to Seattle.

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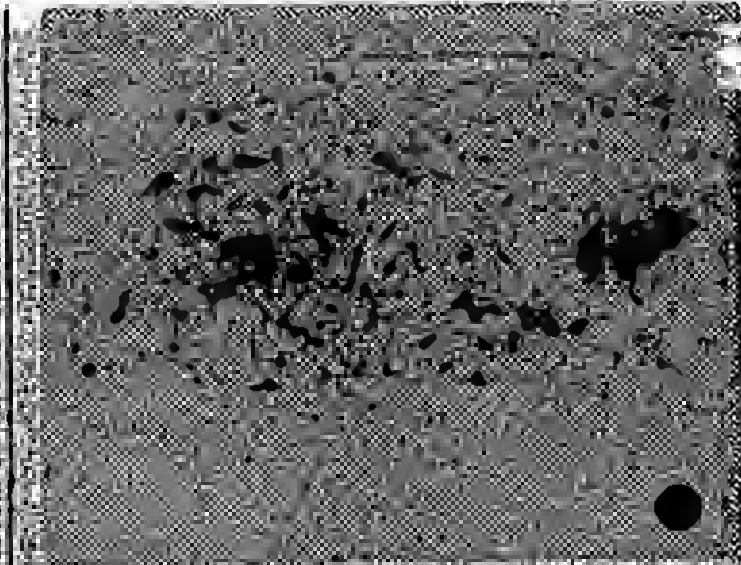
Although earlier reports had said that the hijacker ordered William Scott, the pilot, to fly south over Washington and Oregon rather than over the rugged Cascade Mountains, a Northwest spokesman in St. Paul, denied that today.

Walter Helmer, the Northwest official, said that Mr. Scott had told him he chose the route without consulting the hijacker. He also quoted the pilot as having said that when he landed the plane in Reno, Nev., for refueling, he thought the hijacker was still on board. Instead, the man, the money, two of the parachutes and the suitcase containing the red cylinders were missing.

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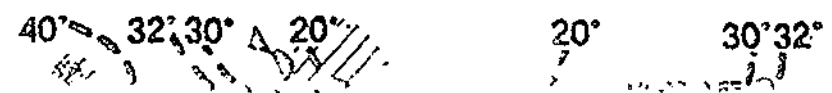
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In Portland, The Oregon Journal reported that the F.B.I. was seeking a former southwest Washington sky diver for questioning in the case. An F.B.I. spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report.

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"I didn't want the F.B.I. to go along," he said. "If they had decided to, I probably wouldn't have gone," he said.

The episode began early today when Vic Dugger, owner of Dugger Wrecking Service in Albuquerque, said he was called to pick up a car that reportedly would not start. When he got to the address given him, a man was standing in the street waving his arms.

As he stopped, a man stuck a .45-caliber pistol in the window and two more jumped into his tow truck, forced him to drive to the airport and up to the plane and left the truck. He later identified the three, from police pictures, as the murder suspects.

Ronald Simpson of Albuquerque, a T.W.A. employe, was refueling the plane and was on board when the hijackers came on. He said that one of them had asked him, "Have you ever been to Cuba before?"

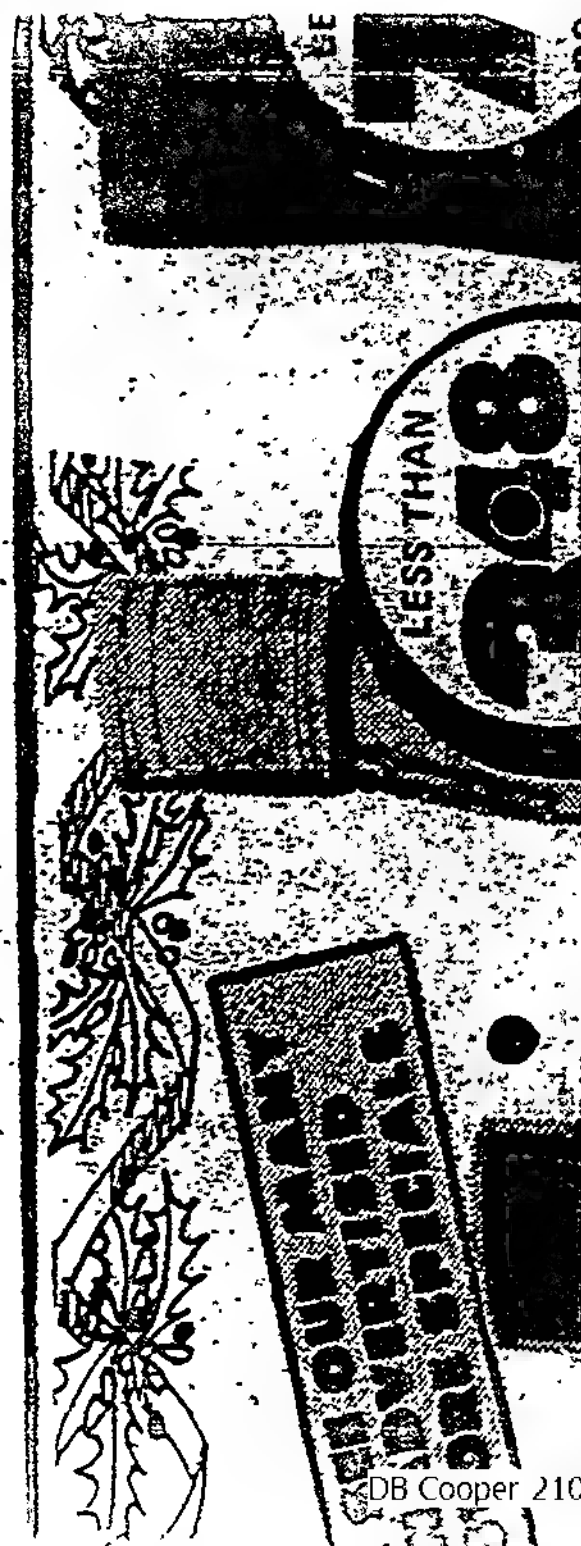
Mr. Simpson replied that he had not and said, "Well, there's a first time for everything." He said that the hijackers had let him go when he explained he had to unhook his fuel truck

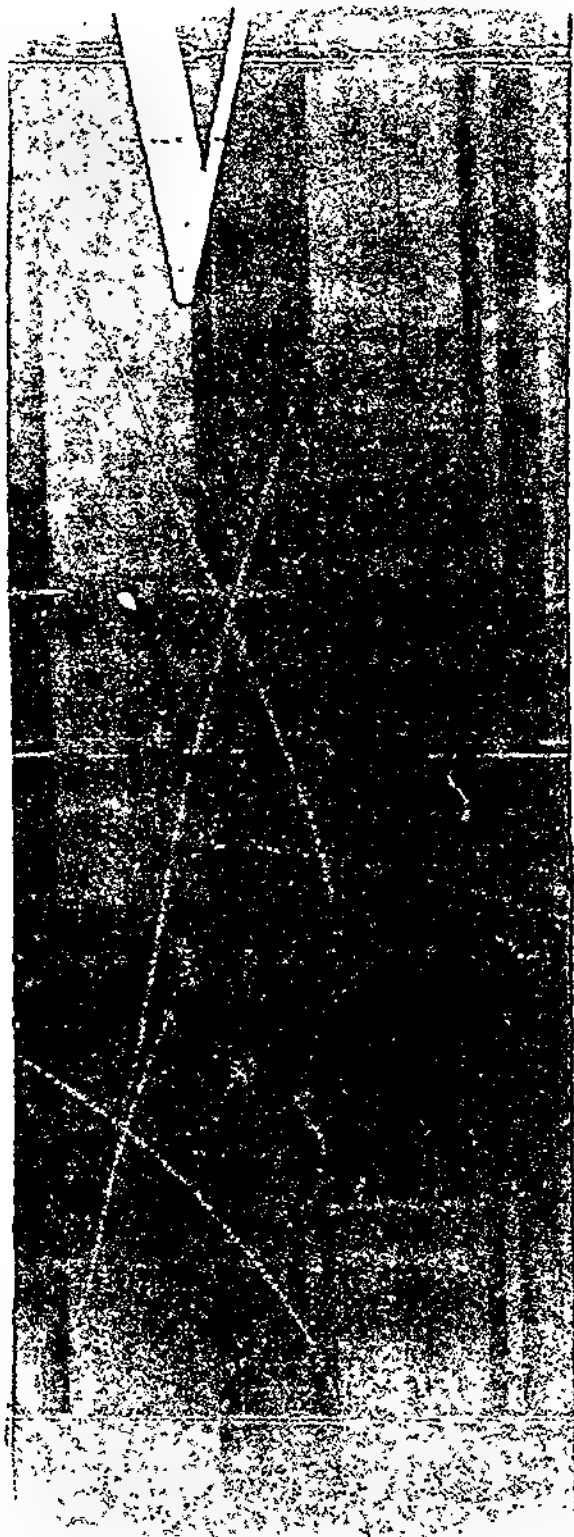
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WOODLAND, Wash., Nov. 27 (UPI)—The F.B.I. said today that a hijacker who parachuted from a plane Wednesday night with \$200,000 ransom probably landed in a small wooded area east of here and might still be there, possibly with a broken leg.

"We feel he's in this area," Thomas Manning, an agent, said of the three-by-five-mile stretch of rough timber country 35 miles north of Portland, Ore.

The hijacker took over a Northwest Airlines 727 with a device he said was a bomb during a flight from Portland to Seattle. He forced the plane to land at Seattle, collected four parachutes and \$200,000 and allowed the passengers off. Then he ordered the crew to fly him to Reno. Somewhere along the way he parachuted into the night.

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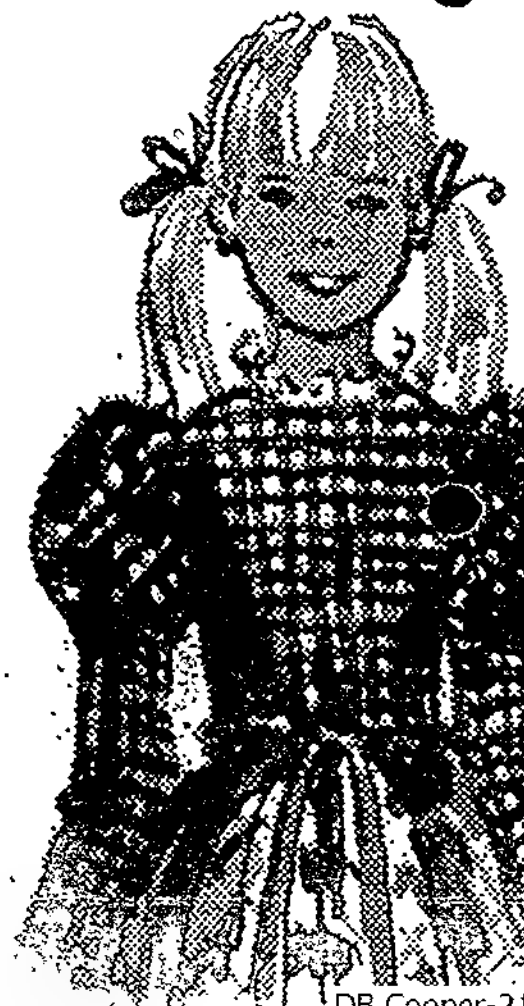
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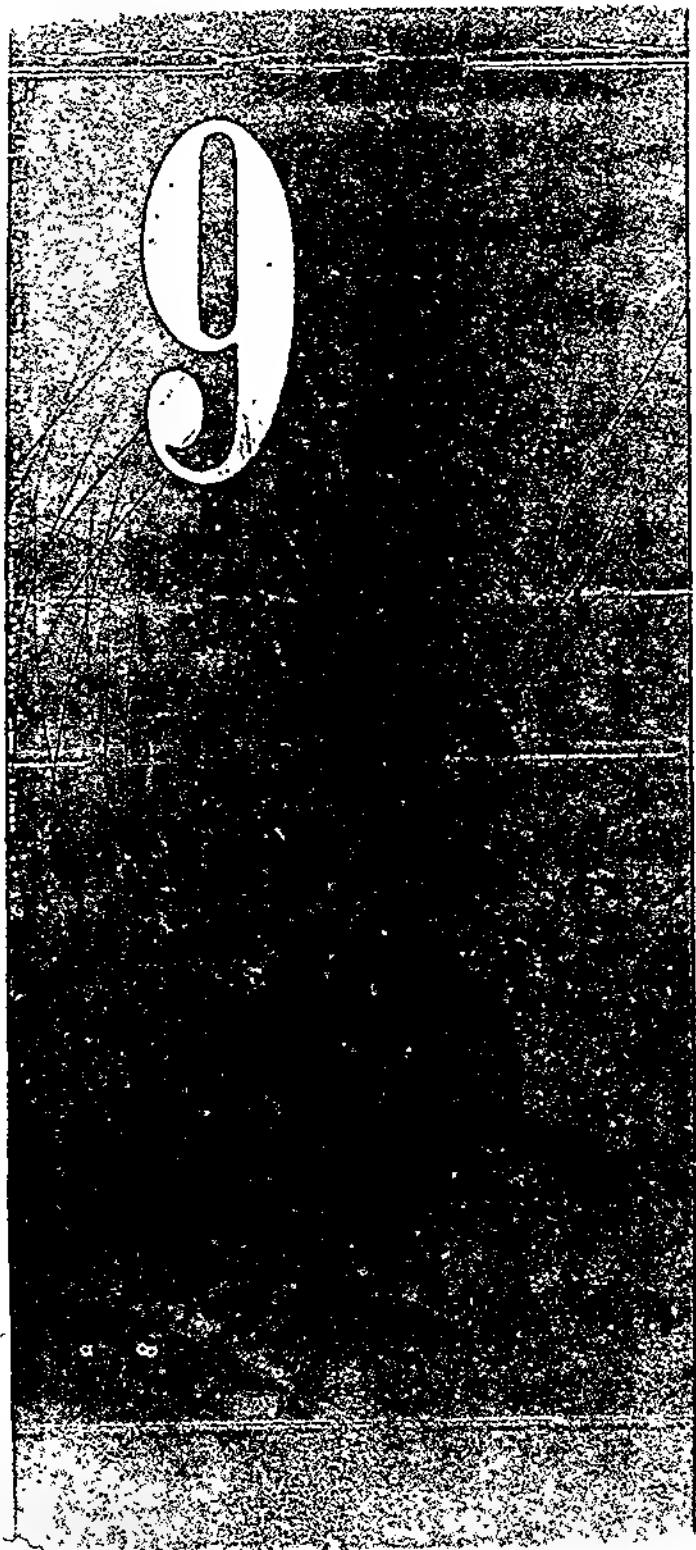
Hunt for Escaped Hijacker In Woodland, Wash., Ends

WOODLAND, Wash., Nov. 29 (AP)—The active search for a man who bailed out of a hijacked jet last Wednesday with \$200,000 ransom money ended here today, but the Federal Bureau of Investigation said its inquiry would continue.

Fog and low clouds in this southwest Washington area grounded aircraft for a second day. A spokesman for the Cowlitz County sheriff's office said the land search had been discontinued because previous efforts had not turned up any clues.

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Commerce Committee, Secretary Richardson said various proposals for the Public Health Service hospitals were still under review.

F.B.I. Lists Serial Numbers Of Money Given to Hijacker

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation said today that it was distributing a 34-page list of serial numbers that correspond to those on the \$20 bills paid to the hijacker believed to have parachuted from a Boeing 727 aircraft between Seattle and Reno, Nev., last Nov. 24.

Copies are being furnished to F.B.I. offices, police departments and certain financial and business establishments.

The money, \$200,000 in \$20 bills, was paid to the hijacker in Seattle. The hijacker also demanded four parachutes and ordered the pilot to fly to Reno at an altitude of no more than 10,000 feet.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE



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Reference Los Angeles airtel to Sacramento, dated 5/8/92; and Sacramento airtel to Seattle, dated 2/1/93.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/17/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Reference [redacted]

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[redacted] is described as follows:

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| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| DOB: | [redacted] |
| Height: | Approximately 6'2" |
| Weight: | 195-220 pounds |
| Hair: | Thinning, light brown or dishwater blond |
| Characteristics: | Wears glasses or contact lenses; may have a slight beer belly |

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Based on date of birth of [] would have been [] years old at the time of the NORJAK hijacking. UNSUB, according to eye witnesses, was in his mid 40's during the hijacking. A photograph of [] taken in 1964, shows an individual with a strong heavy set jaw which is quite noticeable. Eye witnesses did not indicate UNSUB had such a strong facial feature.

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In view of these discrepancies, no further investigation will be conducted concerning [] at this time.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 12/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re suspect [redacted]

A review of [redacted] sub file reveals that he was suggested as a suspect by [redacted] who lives in [redacted] Arizona. According to [redacted] while under the influence of alcohol, told her he had [redacted] [redacted] also stated [redacted] had expressed [redacted] that he fears being caught by the FBI. Finally, [redacted] stated [redacted] served in the U.S. Army when he was 18 years old and was a parachute rigger.

Phoenix Division reinterviewed [redacted] and was able to obtain a composite description of [redacted] That description indicated that he is at least two inches shorter than UNSUB in this matter and his eyes are blue/gray and not brown in color. In addition, he has a [redacted] [redacted] both upper and lower. Finally, he has a pot belly that is quite pronounced.

In view of these physical discrepancies between UNSUB and [redacted] no further investigation will be conducted concerning him and this sub file should be marked eliminated.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 12/10/92

From : SA [redacted]

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Re [redacted]

Re Springfield's airtel to Seattle dated 2/10/92.

A review of [redacted] sub file revealed that he was suggested as a suspect in this matter because [redacted] suspected him of this crime. He did so because he was a former [redacted] paratrooper with extensive survival training. [redacted] admitted he did not have any solid physical evidence linking [redacted] to the hijacking but he stated that [redacted] admitted to him that he had hijacked the airplane. [redacted] is described as a White male, five feet seven to five feet eight inches in height, [redacted] with eye color green. In addition, he has [redacted]

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In view of the fact that [redacted] is at least four inches shorter than UNSUB in this matter, and in addition is [redacted] and has green eyes instead of brown eyes, no further investigation should be conducted concerning him and this sub file should be marked eliminated.

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[redacted] The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
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AT PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB, CALIFORNIA

On January 26, 1993, attempts to locate and interview
[redacted] were negative.

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It is noted a [redacted] California license [redacted]
[redacted] was parked in front of that residence.

The California Law Enforcement Telecommunications
System (CLETS) indicates that vehicle is registered to [redacted]
[redacted] Maricopa, California.

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Attempts to further identify [redacted] through CLETS
driver's license information was negative.

On that date, [redacted]
[redacted] advised
that [redacted] is a part-time employee of his business and
utilizes a [redacted] vehicle. However, [redacted] was unaware
of [redacted] whereabouts but agreed to forward a message requesting
[redacted] to contact the FBI.

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On January 27, 1993, [redacted] advised
as follows:

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He has resided in Pine Mountain Club since 1981 and
lives in a rental house. He is unemployed, [redacted]
[redacted] and has been [redacted]
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In 1971, he resided in Huntington Beach, California and
was [redacted]

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The circumstances surrounding the D.B. COOPER hijacking
matter was explained to [redacted] following which he denied any
involvement. However, it was noted that [redacted] appeared quite
knowledgeable regarding the incident, including details that
likely appeared in the news media, i.e. location of passengers
and type of aircraft.

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[redacted] advised that he has never smoked, to include
Raleigh filter tips.

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During the course of the interview the following
descriptive data was obtained:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | Caucasian [redacted] |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | [redacted] |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 195 |
| Hair | Gray (formerly black) |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Complexion | Fair; smooth |
| Marital Status | Never married |
| Social Security No. | [redacted] |
| Driver's License | Does not possess one |
| Occupation | [redacted] |
| Education | Graduate, Seattle University [redacted] |
| Prior Arrests | None admitted |
| Military Service | U.S. Army, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] no parachuting experience) |

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It is noted a [redacted] California license [redacted] [redacted] was parked in front of that residence.

The California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) indicates that vehicle is registered to [redacted] [redacted] Maricopa, California.

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Attempts to further identify [redacted] through CLETS driver's license information was negative.

On that date, [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a part-time employee of his business and utilizes a [redacted] vehicle. However, [redacted] was unaware of [redacted] whereabouts but agreed to forward a message requesting [redacted] to contact the FBI.

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On January 27, 1993, [redacted] advised as follows:

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He has resided in Pine Mountain Club since 1981 and lives in a rental house. He is unemployed, [redacted] and has been [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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In 1971, he resided in Huntington Beach, California and was [redacted]

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The circumstances surrounding the D.B. COOPER hijacking matter was explained to [redacted] following which he denied any involvement. However, it was noted that [redacted] appeared quite knowledgeable regarding the incident, including details that likely appeared in the news media, i.e. location of passengers and type of aircraft.

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[redacted] advised that he has never smoked, to include Raleigh filter tips.

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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 2/1/93

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-SE-81)
 FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORJAK
 CAA
 OO: SACRAMENTO

The Fresno RA is a
 direct mail office
 Please direct all mail to:
 FBI
 P.O. Box 26434
 Fresno, CA. 93729

RE: Los Angeles airtel to Sacramento, 5/8/92.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of an
 investigative insert reflecting results of investigation at
 Pine Mountain Club, California.

Inasmuch as investigation within the Sacramento
 Division has been completed, this matter is considered RUC.

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Date 9/17/93

TO : SAC, PORTLAND
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)
SUBJECT : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference

Reference Dallas airtel to Seattle and Portland,
dated 1/14/93.

Reference communication set forth lead for the
Portland Division at St. Michoud, Oregon. To date, Seattle
has not received results of that investigation. Portland
Division is requested to forward results of requested
investigation to Seattle.

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2 - Portland
1 - Dallas (Info.)
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TRANSMIT VIA:

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☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 4/13/93

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164A-SE-81) (P) *Due*

SUBJECT : NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference 4/12/93 telephone call from SA [redacted]
 [redacted] Seattle, to SA [redacted] Missoula Resident
 Agency.

On 3/26/93, SA [redacted] interviewed a white male who identified himself only as [redacted] advised he had watched a recent episode of Unsolved Mysteries, which featured the D. B. COOPER case. After watching the show, [redacted] was certain that D. B. COOPER is actually [redacted] last known address - [redacted] Campbell, California, telephone number - [redacted] provided the following information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] became friends with [redacted] during the Korean War, where [redacted] was in either the 101st or 82nd Airborne Division. After the war, [redacted] remained friends with [redacted] and had periodic contacts with him. Both [redacted] and [redacted] were students at Pasadena City College from approximately [redacted]

[redacted] eventually became a [redacted] with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, from where he retired. During that time, [redacted] remained in contact with [redacted]

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[] claimed to have known from friends in the FBI that [] had been a suspect in the D. B. COOPER case. [] claimed to have information concerning [] the source of which [] would not divulge, as follows:

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Approximately one year before the D. B. COOPER hijacking, [] received training in free fall parachuting, and approximately six months prior to the hijacking, received training in night free falls. Additionally, after the hijacking, [] periodically received checks from a Canadian trust company in a substantial amount. [] had an alibi at the time of the hijacking that he was with his brother in New Mexico, which the brother did not corroborate.

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[] advised that from his personal knowledge, [] approximately six months prior to the hijacking, and that approximately a year after the hijacking, [] saw [] flashing a lot of money around. [] thought that was strange because [] was always in bad financial condition because he regularly lost jobs due to an alcohol problem.

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[] claimed that from what he knew of the FBI investigation, the FBI eliminated [] as a suspect because the FBI's records showed [] was either 20 or 30 years too old or too young. [] stated that the FBI's records as to [] date of birth were erroneous.

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[] presently attends an Episcopal Church in Campbell, which is just off Winchester Street, and worked with the FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP in either Campbell or San Jose, California, with a person named []

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Prior to viewing the Unsolved Mysteries television show, [] had not thought of [] in connection with the D. B. COOPER case for several years. Prior to the television show, [] had never seen an artist's rendition of D. B. COOPER at the time of the hijacking. [] however, saw the artist's rendition on Unsolved Mysteries, and immediately recognized the artist's rendition of D. B. COOPER as being [] then called his wife into the room to view the picture of D. B. COOPER, and upon asking his wife who the

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picture looked like, [] wife answered that it looked like [] additionally stated that the artist's rendition of what D. B. COOPER would presently look like resembled [] today.

[] advised SA [] that he would remain in contact with SA [] regarding this matter.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/20/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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On 7/6/93, [redacted] X
[redacted] Ballard, Washington, telephonically contacted the writer and stated that he is a client who claims to know who D. B. COOPER is. A meeting was arranged between the writer, [redacted] and his client that took place on 7/21/93.

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On 7/21/93, [redacted] X (SWEET)
Everett, Washington [redacted] home telephone [redacted] advised that he had a friend named [redacted] who [redacted] X
suspected to be identical with UNSUB in this matter. According to [redacted] claimed to be D. B. COOPER in 1972 while [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he has not seen [redacted] for approximately 15 years. He did furnish the following background information concerning him:

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| Sex: | Male |
| Race: | Caucasian |
| Height: | 6'1" |
| Weight: | 175-180 pounds (15 years ago) |
| Age: | 52-56 |
| Hair: | Sandy, light colored, receding hair line |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Complexion: | Light |
| Characteristics: | Does not wear glasses, does not smoke |

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was a [redacted] in the U.S. ARMY and a [redacted] with U.S. AIRBORNE. He stated he has a degree in [redacted] and is now a Weyerhaeuser employee.

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In view of the fact that [] would have been 34-37 years old at the time of the hijacking and UNSUB was described as in his mid 40's; and also in view of the fact that [] hair is light colored, his eyes are blue, and his complexion is light, these physical discrepancies would tend to illuminate him as a possible suspect in this matter. Unless further information is received concerning [] no further investigation should be conducted concerning him at this time.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/20/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

On 7/6/93, [redacted]
[redacted] Ballard, Washington, telephonically contacted the writer and stated that he is a client who claims to know who D. B. COOPER is. A meeting was arranged between the writer, [redacted] and his client that took place on 7/21/93.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/20/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Reference [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted]

[redacted] has been suggested as a possible suspect in this investigation by [redacted] of Olympia, Washington. [redacted] stated that after watching a recent broadcast of the television show "Unsolved Mysteries," that information in this show prompted him to call the FBI and state that he knew of a friend of his who had informed him in about 1979 that he knew that this hijacking was going to occur before it happened. Upon further contact, [redacted] advised the FBI that he had reported this information approximately 12 years ago and that the [redacted] that he was referring to was the [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] looked similar to the artist's composite of UNSUB.

In view of the fact that the information provided to [redacted] by his friend was provided in 1979, eight years after the hijacking, and in view of the fact that [redacted] has admitted that [redacted] is a suspect based on the fact that he looks similar to the artist's composite, and that [redacted] has no actual information concerning this matter or any suspect in this hijacking, no further investigation should be conducted concerning this aspect of this investigation.

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ELIMINATE

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/22/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference [redacted] Sub J, miscellaneous persons.

[redacted] telephone [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] telephonically advised the
writer of their suspicions that [redacted] is identical
with UNSUB in this matter. [redacted] and [redacted]
stated they feel this way because [redacted] had military
parachute experience and according to them, [redacted] took a
suitcase that weekend on a three day fishing trip and when his
[redacted] who they described as [redacted] asked where he had
been, he [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] also stated that [redacted]
[redacted] advised them that [redacted]

[redacted] is described as follows:

| | |
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| Sex: | Male |
| Race: | Caucasian |
| Height: | 5'10" |
| Build: | Slim |
| Weight: | 160 pounds |
| Age: | Approximately [redacted] at the time of the NORJAK hijacking |
| Hair: | Brown |

In view of the fact that [redacted] was in his early
30's and UNSUB is described as 45, at the time of the hijacking,
no further investigation should be conducted concerning him.

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/22/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference [redacted] Sub J, miscellaneous X
persons.

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30's and UNSUB is described as 45, at the time of the hijacking,
no further investigation should be conducted concerning him.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/22/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
Armed and Dangerous

Reference Salt Lake City airtel to Seattle, dated 4/13/93.

Reference [redacted]

[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect in this matter because he resembles the artist's composite of UNSUB. In addition, [redacted] who was interviewed in 1977, indicated that he had no positive information, but that he believed [redacted] to be identical with UNSUB. He stated that [redacted] is a trained paratrooper and that he had taken extensive training in night skydiving prior to captioned crime. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] had discussed this matter on many occasions, and [redacted] advised him that the amount taken in this hijacking was \$204,000.00.

It has been learned, through investigation, that [redacted] is a creditor of [redacted] and that [redacted] has made it clear that he is not going to repay the money to [redacted] that he owes him.

[redacted] age, at the time of the crime, was [redacted] years. His height is 6', his weight is 165 pounds, and his eyes are blue. UNSUB, at the time of this crime, was described as 45 years old, with brown eyes.

It is noted that [redacted] seems to have a motive for providing this information concerning [redacted]. In that, [redacted] owes him money and does not intend to repay it. In addition, [redacted] has furnished information that [redacted] has admitted participating in this crime and taking \$204,000.00 when the actual amount taken in the crime was \$200,000.00. In view of these discrepancies, and in view of the fact that there are no logical leads remaining in this case, no further investigation will be conducted concerning [redacted] at this time.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/22/93

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
'Armed and Dangerous

Reference Salt Lake City airtel to Seattle, dated 4/13/93.

Reference [redacted]

[redacted] has been suggested as a suspect in this matter because he resembles the artist's composite of UNSUB. In addition, [redacted] who was interviewed in 1977, indicated that he had no positive information, but that he believed [redacted] to be identical with UNSUB. He stated that [redacted] is a trained paratrooper and that he had taken extensive training in night skydiving prior to captioned crime. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] had discussed this matter on many occasions, and advised him that the amount taken in this hijacking was \$204,000.00.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/23/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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- Re: 1. Seattle report of SA [redacted] dated 2/16/72 (Sub GG) (2351);
2. Seattle report of SA [redacted] dated 5/30/73 (Sub GG) (4729);
3. Seattle report of SA [redacted] dated 11/23/73 (Sub GG) (5070);
4. Seattle report of SA [redacted] dated 5/31/74- (Sub GG) (6258);
5. SA [redacted] memorandum, dated 8/4/72 (Sub K) (3741);
6. AUSA [redacted] letter to [redacted] dated 4/20/76 (Sub C) (6914), (Re Grand Jury Indictment).

At a minimum it is recommended that a new NORJAK case agent review the above references.

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The Crime

On 11/24/71, the day before Thanksgiving, a lone white male boarded Northwest Orient flight 305 at Portland, Oregon. At approximately 3:22 p.m., while the flight was enroute to Seattle, Washington, he indicated to the stewardess that his briefcase contained a bomb, which would blow up the plane unless his demands were met.

The hijacker demanded \$200,000 and four parachutes in exchange for the safety of the 36 passengers aboard the plane. When the aircraft landed at Seattle, Washington, Northwest Orient Airlines complied with his instructions. After he received the parachutes and money, the hijacker allowed all passengers and two airline stewardesses to deplane.

He then ordered the remaining crew members into the first-class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired to fly to Mexico City. The hijacker instructed that the plane proceed in a southerly direction and fly at a low altitude and slow speed, which would enable the rear door of the plane to be opened during the flight.

The hijacker apparently bailed out somewhere between Seattle, Washington, and Reno, Nevada, where the plane landed to refuel. It was determined the hijacker, two parachutes and the ransom money had disappeared when the plane was inspected at Reno, Nevada.

Artist's conception drawings of the aircraft hijacker were prepared by the FBI Exhibit Section and are considered a reasonable likeness. The black and white composite was prepared initially and sometime later, the color composite was prepared to depict the hijacker's complexion and age more graphically.

The hijacker is described as follows:

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| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | Mid-40's |
| Height: | 5'10" - 6' |
| Weight: | 170 to 180 lbs. |
| Complexion: | Olive, latin appearance, medium smooth. |
| Hair: | Dark brown or black, parted on the left, combed back. |
| Eyes: | Possibly brown; during the latter part of flight, |

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| | the hijacker put on dark, wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims. |
| Voice: | Low, spoke intelligently, no particular accent. |
| Characteristics: | Smoked Ralieggh filter-type cigarettes |
| Wearing Apparel: | Black or brown suit; narrow black tie (clip-on type); black rain-type overcoat or dark topcoat; dark briefcase or attache case; carried a paper bag 4 x 12 x 14 inches; brown shoes. |
| Remarks: | Very polite at all times |

AREA INVOLVED

Bounded on the west by US-5, on the south by the Columbia River, on the north by the Kalama River, and on the east by the Skamania-Clark County Line.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

1. The remains of a man, possible dead for ^{MANY} ~~five~~ years.
2. The remnants of a parachute harness or parachute shroud lines.
3. 10,000 twenty dollar bills wrapped in a parachute canopy, all serial numbers are known and can be identified.
4. Deteriorated raincoat or overcoat.
5. Small briefcase or attache case.

LEADS:

1. TYPICAL - A relative or former friend resembles UNSUB and has had previous parachuting experience. In addition, he has "a lot of money" at about that time and he possibly said he was "D.B. COOPER" while drinking in a bar.

Age differences or height differences between the suspect and UNSUB generally can disprove 95% of these leads.

2. NOT TYPICAL - Suspect is dead (See Sub 386 McCoy), and told witnesses he was "D.B. COOPER" (See 853 Coffelt). He also said he lost the money in the jump.

Age and height differences plus location on 11/24/71 or 11/25/71 can be useful in processing these suspects (Good Luck).

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D.B. COOPER VS DAN COOPER

One of the first suspects in this case was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] aka D.B. Cooper. The press learned of this fact and
printed this information, indicating that was the name UNSUB used
aboard the aircraft. The actual name on the flight manifest was
DAN COOPER.

Any potential suspect whose true last name is COOPER
should be carefully scrutinized for possible elimination.

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STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

The Statute of Limitations issue is addressed in Reference Number Six, AUSA [] letter dated 4/20/76 (Serial 6914).

Despite this fact and direct orders by FBIHQ and DOJ, SA [] indicted UNSUB in Portland in 1976. This is known as a John Doe Indictment and is of questionable legal value. (See my memo dated 2/5/76 (Sub JJ) (Serial 6841).)

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UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

Occasionally this crime is highlighted on Unsolved Mysteries.

The telephone calls fit into five categories:

1. SIGHTING - The caller had recently seen an individual resembling the artist's composite of UNSUB. (No lead) (15%)
2. RESEMBLANCE - The caller had an acquaintance who resembled the artist's composite of UNSUB. (No lead) (13%)
3. FORMER SUSPECT - The caller was suggesting a suspect that had been previously processed as a NORJAK suspect. (6%)
4. NEW SUSPECT - The caller was providing information on a new suspect. This information was dictated into Seattle File Number 164A-81 and appropriate leads have been set out. (4%)
5. NO LEAD - The caller did not provide any information of lead value. (68%)

Percentage figures represent average values and are for information purpose only.

INDEXING

NORJAK currently maintains two indices. One manual indices located on the 6th Floor at the end of old manual indices. One automated, that contains indices data entered since the full implementation of FOIMS.

A separate memorandum has been dictated to have the manual indices entered into FOIMS.

REWARD

A reward of 15% of any portion of the ransom money recovered has been offered in the past by Northwest Orient Airlines. Contact with NWOAL on a case-by-case basis should verify this or any additional rewards by them or their insurance company.

If it becomes necessary to offer a reward on a C.O.D. basis to obtain information, it is suggested that the Director's Airtel to All SAC's, dated 3/2/93 re FBI Reward Policy be consulted.

FILING OF SERIALS

At least one copy of each communication must be serialized in the main file and extra copies are then routed to the appropriate lettered sub volume (See attached list).

All indexing is done to the main file serial number. Sub volumes are not serialized but are filed in approximate date order as they are received.

All indexing and routing is done by the case agent.

LETTER SUB VOLUMES.

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| SUB A | 1A Exhibits |
| B | 1B Bulkies (formerly newspaper clippings - See Sub LL) |
| C | Publicity |
| D | Parachute Information |
| E | Search Area |
| F | Course |
| G | Evidence |
| H | Witnesses |
| I | Tapes and Films |
| J | Miscellaneous Persons |
| K | Artist Sketch |
| L | Airports, Flying Schools, Skydiving Clubs |
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| S | Expenses Involved in Search |
| T | Ticket |
| U | Weather and Wind |
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| W | Reward Letters |
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Date 8/12/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-SE-169)⁸¹
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (164-SE-169) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
 PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
 CAA - HIJACKING, EXTORTION
 OO: SE

Enclosed for Seattle is one box of evidence in captioned case and relevant FD-192.

On April 4, 1992, WMFO initiated a comprehensive review of bulky exhibits maintained in its evidence control room. Enclosed items are being returned for disposition as Seattle deems warranted.

② - Seattle (Encl.)
 1 - WMFO
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*Rec'd 10:30am 8-17-92
 from [unclear]
 Arrived SE Saturday
 8-15-92, R# 764 259 829.*

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Date 9/7/93

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (164-SE-81) [redacted]
 SUBJECT : NORJAK;
 D. B. COOPER
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT
 (OO: SEATTLE)

On 8/11/93, [redacted] W/M, DOB [redacted] X
 SSAN [redacted] Daleville, Alabama,
 (PROTECT IDENTITY BY REQUEST) telephonically contacted the
 Mobile, Alabama, FBI office and advised he had recently seen
 the episode of "America's Most Wanted" which portrayed the
 D. B. COOPER airplane hijacking. [redacted] stated he had
 possible information concerning the subject, D. B. COOPER.

[redacted] was interviewed on 8/17/93, and provided the
 following information:

[redacted] stated the portrait of D. B. COOPER looked
 exactly like [redacted] of his, [redacted] advised he
 and [redacted] when they lived in Minneapolis,
 Minnesota. [redacted] stated [redacted] moved to Seattle, Washington,
 in [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] said he [redacted]
 and also [redacted] while living in Seattle. [redacted]
 returned to Minneapolis in [redacted] and appeared to be very
 wealthy. [redacted] and purchased a
 [redacted] stated when he left Minneapolis in [redacted]
 [redacted] was still [redacted]
 stated [redacted] is located on [redacted]
 between [redacted]

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[redacted] advised [redacted] was born and raised in [redacted]. He was [redacted] while in Seattle. [redacted] advised he knows [redacted] has [redacted] that live in Minneapolis, however, [redacted] did not know their names. [redacted] advised [redacted] may still live in Minneapolis, if she is still alive.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] may have been a former paratrooper when he was in the Army and he gave the following description of [redacted]

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 175 |
| Hair | Light brown on sides, bald on top |

LEAD:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

Conduct appropriate fugitive investigation and report findings to Seattle.

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/22/93

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Reference conversation between SA [redacted] and [redacted] (RASU-File Supervisor) on 9/20/93.

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NORJAK currently maintains two indices. One manual indices, located on the 6th floor and physically located at the end of the old manual indices in one drawer, and one automated indices that contains data entered since the implementation of FOIMS.

During reference conversation, it was agreed that an attempt would be made to automate NORJAK indices. This would entail entering all or most of the information contained in the manual indices into an automated format. It was agreed that some of the information would not fit into automated indices, however, there is a comment field and the information that did not fit possibly could be placed in the comment field.

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LEADS:

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

Will enter all or most of the information in the NORJAK manual indices into FOIMS.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/23/93

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE

~~Armed and Dangerous~~

Reference [redacted] Sub J, miscellaneous persons.

[redacted] telephone [redacted] telephonically advised that she suspected [redacted] of being identical with UNSUB in this matter. [redacted] explained that, in her opinion, [redacted] resembles the artist's composite of UNSUB and that, at one time, she noted that all of the pictures in his home had disappeared.

She also advised that [redacted] at the time, had stated, during a dinner party at [redacted] home, that [redacted]

After that dinner, [redacted] and [redacted] according to [redacted] disappeared.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had money after the hijacking that he did not appear to have prior to the hijacking. [redacted] also confided in the writer that she was [redacted] approximately six years ago. She explained that over a [redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

Race: American Indian
Age: [redacted] at the time of NORJAK
Height: 5'8"
Build: Well
Hair: Black
Eyes: Dark brown
Characteristics: Abbott, hunter, and fisherman

In view of the fact that UNSUB was in his mid 40's, at the time of the hijacking, and [redacted] was only [redacted] at that time, and also of the fact that [redacted] was 5'8" and UNSUB was 6', and finally, in view of the fact that UNSUB was not known to be an American Indian, no further investigation concerning this aspect of this crime should be conducted.

~~Armed and Dangerous~~

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE

Date 10-28-93

From : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81)

NORJAK;

CAA

Subject : OO: SEATTLE

☐ RUC☒ File Destruction Program

(Title)

Enclosed are _____ items.

These items are forwarded your office since:

☐ All logical investigation completed in this Division☒ You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

Date 9/28/93

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re memo of SA [redacted] dated 9/23/93.

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To help explain the NORJAK filing system to new rotors or Case Agents, the following information is provided:

1. All communications are serialized in the main file first.
2. Copies will be designated for Sub files (see attached for a list of letter Sub volumes) by the Case Agent.
3. Sub volumes consist of lettered Sub volumes and numbered Sub volumes.
4. Each suspect is given a numbered Sub volume (the number is assigned sequentially by the rotor).
5. When indexing names, etc. to a numbered Sub volume, be sure to include the number of the volume (i.e., under file: 164A-SE-0000081-[redacted] and title: NORJAK; [redacted]).
6. When indexing names, etc. to a lettered Sub volume, be sure to include the serial number (i.e., under file: 164A-SE-0000081-[redacted]).
7. If a suspect does not warrant a numbered Sub volume, the communication should be placed into Sub J (miscellaneous).
8. 1A's are filed into Sub A, 1B's are filed into Sub B, newspaper clippings are filed into Sub LL.

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[redacted] [initials]

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9. The Case Agent will designate where a copy of each communication should be filed. He/she will also specify the opening of new numbered or lettered Sub files.

10. The manual indices currently maintained in one drawer of the old manual indices will be entered into FOIMS.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164B-81) (P)

Date 1/25/94

From : SA [redacted] (SQUAD 5)

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Subject: NORJAK, aka
D. B. Cooper;
CAA-HIJACKING;
OO: SEATTLE

This matter was assigned to writer in 9/93 upon the impending retirement of the previous Case Agent. Due to writer's assignment to [redacted] Conference and a 12/93 In-Service, the case was not addressed before writer was transferred to Squad 6 in 1/94. There are several pending leads which require review of the file to determine if a particular suspect is identical to subject.

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SSA [redacted] has recommended that this case be reassigned to SA [redacted] so that he, too, can retire before it is closed.

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